RECORDS

of the

Yearly meeting

of

NEW ENGLAND

from 1703 to 1787 inclusive

Being Two years

A Booek belonging to the yearly meeting
in Rhodisland Anno: 1684

At a yeally meeting at y^e house of William Coding
ton y^e 11^th y^e 4^m 1688: The Sandwall meetings being
Called Ouer y^t is to say Rhodisland Sandwich Situate
Salom Piscattaway Oister bay: No business appeared
from any but Piscattaway: which ware Friends Sufferings
y: w^ch was Recomended to y^e next mans meeting at
Rhodisland: It is farther agreed y^t y^e meeting at
Duxbury begin from this time forward y^e first first day
in Query Eight month at Joseph Howland & y^e next first
day after y^e meeting be ouer at Situate. at Piscattaway
& soo y^e Rest of y^e meetings to follow as before: It is farther
Agreed y^t y^e Same Friends y: writ to y^e yearly meeting in
London writ from & by appointment of this meeting &
y^e Robert Howchens be added

At a Sandwall yearly meeting at Rhodisland at the
house of Walter Newbery y^e 14^th of y^e 4^m 1689: The San-
wall meetings (Viz) Rhodisland Sandwich Situate
Salom Piscattaway & Oisterbay being Called ouer no Bu
sinesse appeared
George Booth being present desired of Friends a certificate
to Signefie their Unitey with him in Doctrine & Life while
among Us: w^ch y^e meeting granted
The Epistle from y^e yearly meeting at London: was deli
uered to y^e Sandwall meetings: ffor Rhodisland: to John Eas
ffor Sandwich to: Peter: ffor Situate to: Ch: Wanton ffor
Salom to Daniell Southwick ffor Piscattaway to Tobias
Hanson: ffor Oister bay to Samuell Titus

At a Sandwall yearely meeting at Rhodisland at y^e house
of Walter Newbery y^e 16^th 4^m 1690 The Sandwall meeting
(Viz) Rhodisland: Sandwitch Situate Salom Piscatua
& Oisterbay: being Called ouer noe business appeared
The Epistle from y^e yearely meeting in London was
read & Delivered one to Query meeting
The Condition of Friends at Piscattaway being spoken of
here at this Meeting: in Relation to their outward distress
by reason of y^e war in those parts ffriends found it to

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to theire Dowtey to visit them from this meeting with any visitle & allso with a prudent supply of fund found in money: y^t they may be comforted in their affliction

The meeting appointed Walter Clarke Daniell Gould Walter Newberry & Thomas Rodman to write to Friends in London—

It is agreed y^t there be a yearly meeting held at Rhode Island Warwick upon y^e second first day in Every third month—

It is agreed y^t y^e yearly meeting y^t is to be held at Salem y^t it be y^e next first day after it be at Sotuate & y^e next first day following at Piscattaway

1691 At A Generall Yearley Meeting At the house of Walter Newberrys at newporte in Rhoad Island y^e 15^th day^s of y^e 4^th month 1691—

The Severall Meetings ware Called ouer viz^t—

Rhoad Island =
Sandwich =
Situale =
Salim =
Piscattua =
Oyster Bay =
} not Buisnis from y^m ^ Presented

An Epistle from y^e yearley meeting at London giuing An Accot of y^e prosperey of Truth & Affaires of y^e Churches in other parts of Asia and of y^e Good Progresse of y^e Lord & to our mutuall Comforte & Joy^e in y^e Lord and Also An Accot of y^e Removall of our Antient and Deare Friend And Elder Brother George Fox out of this Bodey

Gift.

The yearely meeting at Salem w^ch ^ays^d to Begin on^e y^e first day^e Being y^e day^e of the week is now to Begin y^e 7^th day^e being y^e day^e Before—

1692 At A Generall Yearley Meeting at the House of Walter Newberrys: at newporte in Rhoad Island y^e 13^th day^e of y^e 4^th month 1692

The Severall meetings Being Called ouer viz^t—

Rhoad Island —
Sandwich —
Situale —
Salim —
Piscatua —
Oyster Bay —
} not Buisnes from Any of y^m Did not Exsist — to this meeting

other side Holland

It is Agreed at this Meeting that the Maisterly
Heiers of ye Town all meetings doe appoynt one or
two Faithfull Heiers to Attend this yearly meeting and
give them Attendance at ye usuall place and ye Sixth and
Seaventh days in ye morning By the 8th hour Before ye publick
meeting of worship Doors Begin & bring in an Accot of sufferings
if Any Doe or other Business yt may be Left to this meeting
& Likewise Inquire into ye Conversation of ye Heiers
that they Doe in Order & Have Reasonable time to End things ye
may Come Before Us:

At a Generall Yearly Meeting at Rhoad Island
1693 in ye house of Walter Newberry ye 5th of ye 4th m: 1693
The Generall meetings Being Ended ye 6th day of ye
week ye 7th ye morning Before ye publike meeting of worship

West Island
Sandwich
Scituate
Pelam
Piscattua
Oyster Bay

not Brigns from Any of ye Mo dispigent
to this meting:

The Seaventh day Following Ridg not Hiring more Expenses
ye meeting Ended

1694 At a Generall Yearly Meeting at Rhoad Island
ye 4th of ye 4th m: 1694 ye Generall meetings Being Ended ye 6th day of ye

West Rhoad Island
Sandwich
Scituate
Pelam
Piscattua
Oyster Baye

Seaventh day following being ye 7th instant
to this meeting [illegible] ye
hamlet and Plantation in Exeter But not ha
Benefit Thereof and Onward Stander
and Right in the same
Are Sufficient

that a pla

Boroughl meet

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It is Agreed and Setled at ye generall yearly meeting
at [illegible]

At Dartmouth ye generall yearly meeting to begin
ye [illegible] day in Every 9th month
& ye fourth generall meeting to begin ye
day after ye Every meeting

At Warwick ye yearly meeting is appointed
Second First Days in Every 3d month

1692 At A generall Yearly meeting at the house of
Walter Newberry in Rhoad Island ye 13th day 4th mo: 92
it is Agreed and Setled by ye Several yearly meetings
Calculated: and Setled till Further in ye mean time
Rhoad Island: yearly Generall meeting to begin ye worshipping
ye second 6th day of Every 4th mo: at ye usuall publike worship house in
newport: And ye meeting: for Affairs of ye Church at: walter
newberrys: and ye second day of ye week following: & ye friends of ye Island
all meetings: doe endeavour to gather: and ye 6th and 7th days of ye week
Duxberry: yearly meeting of worship to begin ye first 6th day in Every
8th mo:
Salim: ye yearly Generall meeting of worship Begins ye
first day & 2d days of Every 4th month
Piscattaw: ye yearly Generall meeting of worship Begins ye
first days after Salim meeting
Dartmouth: yearly Generall meeting of worship to begins
ye 4th day in Every 8th month
Warwick: ye yearly Generall meeting of worship to begins is
appointed ye Second First days in Every 3d mo:
Providence: yearly meeting of worship to begin ye first
day of ye 5th mo:

[illegible] a generall yearly mans meeting at Rhod[illegible] at the house of William Coddington the 10 day of the 4 month 1687

The printers paper sent by J. Borden was distributed amongst friends at that meeting by their Consent as Advise—

It is ordered by this meeting that Walter Clarke shall deliver the Books to friends that are answers to popish Books &c. as they were directed by Letter to us—

John Rodman is desired to keep the yearly meeting Book—

At a generall yearly mans meeting at Rhod[illegible] at the house of William Coddington the 15 day of 4 month 1687

The monthly meetings to wit Rhod[illegible] Sandwich: Situate. Salem: Piscataway Oyster Bay: being called upon: Refused to appear if it agree at this meeting that penaltie be made at Boston for friends travelling Service of truth

At a generall yearly mans meeting at Rhod[illegible] at the house of William Coddington the 15 day of 4 month 1687

The Monthly meetings to wit Rhod[illegible] Sandwich: Situate. Salem: Piscataway Oyster Bay: being called upon. Refusing to appear except from Salem meeting [illegible] Piscataway [illegible] 5 shillings which they sent by [illegible] 2 [illegible] Mistry Shillings

It is agreed at this meeting by Thomas Rodman Lea[illegible] Stocker &c. [illegible]

That testimony of friends at Oyster Bay against the Quick Simmonds and [illegible] of Tobacco being Read in the meeting having Unity with it Have Ignored it & Order that to the Generall meetings in New England. That friends not disorderly in the Lord may Have a care to it

It is also agreed at this meeting by friends that into Consideration the poverty of this Country Truth Given Forth as testimony for the incouragement of friends Their in

It is agreed at this meeting of the Lond. friends of
meet in behalfe of y^e last that a yearly meeting at
Sandwich Wright to y^e F & to the yearly meeting in
London to give them an account of the affairs of
Truth here among us & also to Pensilvania West
Jersey & Maryland: to give them an account of the
affairs of Truth among us with a salutation in y^e
Love of Truth

It is agreed at this meeting y^t Edward Shippen
at Boston Jacob Coat to Sundry such Travelling
friends as shall come into Boston & want supply
according to their need & his discretion & if he
was Robert Jacob Coat to discharge it

It is further agreed y^t friends in their Quar
terly meeting Books Rom
ings & Goings & Sufferings & Goings
ing & to be Recorded here & sent for

It is Agreed yearly meeting at Rhode Island
at the house of William Coddington the 13 day
of the 4 mo 1685

The Seaforth meetings were called Quar
terly at Salem: Dartmouth
Rochester & Sandwich Yearly at Salem: Scituate
Oyster Bay Yearly meetings or Quarterly meeting
Jamaica & Flushing but no Business Dissonant
said meetings

Salem Daniel Rea: Johnson
John Redman: Walter Newberry & Thomas
Thomas are desired to write to Friends
London & give them an account of the affairs
of Truth here & a salutation of our Love
to Pensilvena: West Jersey: Eastern &

and

Bro: [illegible] over
[illegible] a L Such [illegible] as Shall Come by y^e [illegible]
[illegible] Long Island & [illegible] with [illegible] [illegible]
in London

y^e Clerk Brought in of what Thomas Cornish had gathered of Friends Living
ing to the aforesaid [illegible] Brick in y^e Nottinghams £ 27 19 00
at Boston y^e Some is — — — — — — 01 16 00
from Sandwich — — — — — — — — — — 39 10 00
from Rehoboth — — — — — — — — — — 44 00 00
from y^e Particular Friends Living near Boston — — — —
from Friends of Salem nothing y^t Done — — — —
Long Island nothing Done — — — — — — — —
By Richard Cornish 6 B^s nathan Shubrey £ — — — 03 00 00
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Forasmuch Penns Papers & Epistles were left Done and Walter Clarke
Left Instructions John Upsher Edward Thurston Jacob Mott Benjamin
Newhem & Thomas Rodman are appointed to peruse & correct y^e Copies
of Printing them and after to Publish — With Edward Shatton Joh^a
Coleat & Isaac Jones to print out such papers and writings as Shall
be Ordered by y^e Mo^ly Meeting of Friends in Boston — That Walter
Clark Daniel Jones & Walter Newbery Friends in Rhode Island
do Not Sent from this meeting, do y^e yearly meeting in Rhode
Island & to y^e next Second days morning meeting — Clerk y^e Writ
to with time this meeting is Recorded

The Second days following y^e Epistle to Friends was Read and Approved
Sent: Sixth meeting Continued, Recieving &c, next y^e yearly meeting

At a yearly General Meeting at y^e house of Richard Borden in
Rhode Island y^e 12^th day of y^e 8^th Month 1685 and y^e 6^th year of y^e Reign
of our Soveraign Lord King James the Second &c

The several particular Meetings Here and Gathered over

Rhode Island meetings all Things Being Duly Weighed and Considered
Dartmouth — (Meeting amongst Friends in generall: and more
Sandwich — Such things brought in from each of y^e meetings
Salem — leading from: Salem meeting y^e Suffering of some
Rehoboth — Friends and more Threatned by y^e said persecuting
Spirit for wages to maintain the said principle Stephanus
Subscribed Thomas Tarner & John Hird

The 19^th day 1^st Instant being y^e 7^th days of y^e week &
the 20^th day following Mathew Eastes & Dan^l Quarry and others of y^e
Settlers Clerk Newbery Friends in Rhode Island on y^e affairs of Truth from
up on Tiverton & Rhode Friends in Rhode Island on y^e affairs of Truth from
this yearly meeting Came Bring it to y^e Second days morning meeting —

The 15^th Instant being y^e 2^d days of y^e week
it is Ordered by this meeting That Friends Concerned in y^e several monthly
Meetings

Brought over
Quarterly Meeting Dod Doggge and Lemuel Hor Sawell & Rossiter Lind-
ley for Called over ye Ord meeting Rec'd of Boston Eighty
nine pounds Behinde and what is Collected to Returne to Rhode Island
nine pounds Behinde and what is Collected to Returne to Rhode Island
meeting is Some as Conveniency will admit / ye Some Jos. Rob. is about
Eighty six pounds
Ord. ye Sum of Something Hand Dd ye 11 m. Stigmates from
this yearly meeting ye 11th Day of this meeting for ye Ledman to Carry
Some one to Appear in behalfe of this meeting
It is ye Desire of this meeting yt ye Ledman Clarke wright an answer to the
other Lres from Thomas Clarke of Salem
This meeting is Ended //

// At A yearely Generall Mans Meetinge At the House off Walter Newbo
In Rhead Island ye 11th Day off ye 4th m.o 1697 Beinge ye 6th Day off
ye Weeke
The Sundry Meetinges Beinge Called Over on ye Sixth Day off ye
Weeke Before our Publike Meetinge off Worship Began viz—

Rhoad Island Meetinge
Sandwich Meetinge —
Situate Meetinge —
} nothinge Presented

Salem Meetinge Some Sufferings not Brought in
Piscataway Meetinge nothinge Presented
This Meetinge At ye Request off Dan.ll Gould Hath Appoynted the
Severall ffrinds under named to Inspect in writeinge ffe Shall Present
to them ffor the Press viz
Walter Clarke John Easton Jun.r Jacob Mott Ebenezer Slocum
Johnathan Tyler Henry Payton Edward Wanton Rob.t Harper Wm. Allen
off Sandwich Rob.t Barker John Soames Samuell Collins
This meetinge to meet Together to morow By ye Eighth Hour being
the 7th Day off ye Weeke
The ffrinds Appoynted by this Meetinge to Inspect what Daniell Gould
Should present to them ffor ye Press Doth Returne ffor Answare that it
might Be returned to ffrinds in England to view itt over But itt is since
Concluded by ffrinds at Pensilvania Shall Peruse itt and iff after that they
Shall See Cause it may Be printed Heare. It hath Some Reference to Lres
Put fforth By ffower Preists off Boston
It is Desired By this Meetinge by Walter Clarke Walter Newberry and
Tobias Dymock Doe Draw up An Epistel to ye yearely Meetinge att London
This Meetinge to Met Againe next Second Day by ye Eighth Hour
Second Day and ye 14th off ye month
ffrinds Doe Appoynt those whose names are Heare Under written to Collect
in theyer Severall meetings What ffrinds Shall See Cause ffarther to give
Towards Deffrayinge ye Charge off Boston Meetinge House yett Behinde Beinge
About Eighty Six pounds

ffor Newport John Easton Jun.r & William Allen
ffor Portsmouth Jacob Mott & Martha Borden
ffor James Towne Ebenezer Slocumb
ffor Kings Towne Joseph Hull & Wm Gardner
ffor Warwick Benjamin Barton
} ffor Providence Daniell Abbot
ffor Swansey Wm Chase

The other side

for Sandwich William Allen and Daniell Butler }
for Dartmouth John Tuker and Jacob Mott Junr }

The ffrinds Before Mentioned are Desiered to make thayer Returns off what shall Be Collected to ye Monthly Meetinge at Rhoade Island Soe Soone as they can wth Conuenience

It Wass proposed to this Meetinge the nesesetyes off poore ffrinds to ye Eastwards for Some Releife this Meetinge Did Colect ye Sum off Ten pounds And did order ye Same By ye Hands off Jam Collings to Mathew and Richard Ellis to be Distributed by ym to Poore ffrinds ass thay Shall See need and cause

It is ordered By this Meetinge yt John Joanes Wm Chamberlin Richd Ellis Edward Wanton and Robt Barker Doe Inspect ye ground Belonginge to Boston Meetinge House in Answare to Wm Mumford and to Doe Theare in as they Shall See Cause for the Benefitt off ffrinds

It is Desiered By this Meetinge yt the ffrinds Appoynted to write to ffrinds in England Doe Also write to ffrinds in Long Island East and West Jarsey and to Philadelphia Conserninge ye nesesytie off poore ffrinds to ye Eastward and Desier thayer Assistance to Helpe Releive them the Meetinge Closed in much Love and unity and Agreed

That this Meetinge is to Be Continued the Next yeare as is usuall iff the Lord permitt And Soe Ended

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At a yearely Generall Meetinge att ye House off Ann Newbery in Rhode Island ye 16th Day off ye 4th month 1698 Beinge ye Sixth day off ye weeke at Beinge late in ye day ye meetinge Appointed to meet ye next morninge at ye hower Beinge ye 7th day off ye week when ye Seuerall meetinges weare Called Over

Rhode Islands Meetinge.
Sandwich Meetinge.
Situate Meetinge.
Salem Meetinge
Piscattua Meetinge.

} nothinge Presented

The Seuerall meetinges in Answare to ye Last yearely Meetinges Inste= =ons hath taken care to Speake to ffrinds conserninge ffurther Collections Towards Boston Meetinge house but theare is Little concluded on Except ffrom Swansy But the Same ffrinds are Desiered to take more care to — make Returnes for ye future

The order off Last yearely Meetinge in Answare to Wm Mumford Hath Receued noe certaine Returne as yt but is still Reffered

The ffrinds off Longe Island west Jarsy and Pensylvania hath in — Answare to ffrinds Request Remited Releife to the poore ffrinds to ye East =ward

It is Desiered that this Meetinge take into their care & Consideration the Irreguler and undue practices in Marriage

This Meetinge is Reffered till Second day Morninge

Second Day morninge ye Meetinge met & Seuerall weighty Affaires in truth Discoursed this meetinge doth Reffer to Third day Morninge and at Leaste two Ancient ffrinds to Attend ffrom Each Meetinge as as many Sober ffrinds beside as hath ffreedome to come at the Seuenth hour

other Leafe

(11) Third Day Morninge & ye 5th Day off ye month
ffs Walter Clark & Ebenezer Slocumb & Jotham Swayne are desired to Trans-
aye & paper to send & to ye yearely Meetinge in London & give an Account
off ye affaires off ye church heare /
An Epistle is Drawne up Relateinge to truth affaires from ye waighty
sence off this Meetinge & Copyys to be send to ye Severall Monthly &
Quarterly Meetinge /
This Meetinge being Acquainted that Roger Scerinse Inhabitant
att Cittery in Piscataway hath Suffered A Considerable Loss by fire —
ye Sum of Collected & Twenty Pounds in Money is ordered by this —
Meetinge to be Sent to him as A Salutation off Love not
forgettinge that he and his Wiffe Hath Entertained Some off the
Servants off the Lord this is certified by order and in ye Behalfe off
The Meetinge is Signed pr Tho: Rodman for the Meetinge Ended /
Reffering to ye next yearly Meetinge /

Att A Generall yearely Allens Meetinge
In Newport on Rhode Island ye 9
Day of ye Weeke in ye yeare 1699
Began /
The Severall Meetings Were
Rhode Island Meetinge / Da
Sandwich Meetinge Wm Allen appeared with an Acco of ye Sufferings
of John Crowell of Yarmouth for the ye 4t /

the Scrive of Latham Clarke
ye 4th month being ye Sixth
publicke Meetinge of Week

Our
friends to Desire to be Monthly
Meetinge apart from Rhode Island & to have
one Day more Added to Theire yearely Meeting

Situate Meetinge Rec Harper & Edward Wanton appeared & ye
nothinge of Buisnes presented

Salem Meetinge Richard Estes & Tho: Harrar appeared & present
An Acco of Trinly Sufferings in Linn

Piscatua Meetinge Tho: Hunson & appeared nothinge presented

This Meetinge Adiourns till to morro Morninge ye Seventh Houre

Seventh Day The Meetinge being Met Together proceeds as
followeth /

It is Agreed by order & Consent of this Meetinge ye 4th the Second Day of
the weeke be for the Buisnes & Servis of the Meetinge for the future
According to the Antient order of Truth Amongst us & not for any
Worship & ye two friends from Each Quarterly Meetinge & Three or
Quarterly meetinge Two or more from Each Monthly meetinge to
Attend ye Servis of ye yearely meetinge till Buisnes is Ended & as many
other sober friends as hath freedome /
The Desier of friends of Dartmouth to be a Monthly meetinge apart
from Rhode Island & to have one Day more Added to theire yearely
Meetinge is granted & approved by this Meetinge /
It is the Desier of this Meetinge ye friends of Dartmouth & Sandwich
Do Consider of & Appoint Days & Times for Keepinge of Monthly Meet-
ings for Buisnes in order to Compose & make one Quarterly Meetin
to be Kept at Rhode Island & to Bringe in Theire Result to ye next
next Second Day

It is ye desier of this allectinge yt Walter Clarke & Richard Este, Phineas Pemberton & Ebenezer Slocumb doe Consider & draw up an acco of frinds sufferings in & yamouthe or Salsebure in order to present to ye Governer & Sellament to obtaine redress from him

This allectinge adiourns till next Second Day ye 10th Moneth

Second day ye 12th day of the month ye meetinge met according to adiournment and preceded as followeth viz

The frinds of Dartmouth hath desired yt their monthly mens & Womens meetinge of Buisnes shall be ye next Second Day after the monthly allectinge of Worship at ye House of Peleg Slocumb Heretick this meetinge Doth unanimously Consent & desire.

The frinds of Kings Towne Hanwich & the Maine Lands of ye narragonset Country hath Desired to have a monthly meetinge of Worship which is granted, to be ye first first Day in every month & that they have ye monthly mens & Womens meetinge for Buisnes kept the Second Day following & ye place for buisnes to begin at ye house of John Briggs

our frinds Phineas Pemberton gave an acco to this meetinge yt frinds at Philadelphia Had Recd a Letter from frinds in England desiering yt care of frinds to Collect and gather up an acco of ye Sufferings of our antient frinds George Fillion & George Rofte in these parts & of all others that have not yt been printed & send it to London or to frinds in pensilvania

It is ordered by this meetinge that frinds of Rhode Island Establish a quarterly allectinge for Buisnes & that ye monthly mens meetinge of Rhod Island doe Consider & settle a time for keepinge ye same

The frinds & brethren of pensilvania have from their yearly meetinge proposed to this meetinge by our frinds Samuell Jennings & Phineas Pemberton who are now here with us to have a correspondence each with other either by Epistle or by ye visit of some frinds from hence if it shall please ye Lord to put it into their harts soe to doe if soe they may heare of ye effaires of truth & how truth prospers & for ye mutuall comfort & strength of each other & this meetinge hath generally consented with greate freedome it is left to soe.

A booke from Thomas Callaud beinge presented to this meetinge in manuscript & desiering ye approbation & Consent of frinds to print it the meetinge haveing ye same into Consideration it is their sence yt the Remarkes writinge or printing cannot be for ye Servis of truth nor ye defence of it he not beinge in unitie with his brethren & therefore this meetinge cannot consent to his publishinge of it

James Burrill haueinge presented a Booke in manuscript to this Meetinge for ye mendall & approbation of frinds to have it printed this meetinge Doth appoint Walter Clarke Daniell Gould Jacob Mott & Ebenezer Slocumb to peruse & view the same & to give frinds their sence of it & if they approue of it to recommend it to frinds in pensilvania for their farther perusall in order to ye presenting it to the press

The Epistle to frinds in England from this meetinge beinge read it is approued of & desired to be sent with ye Sufferings of frinds Inclosed in it & that Walter Clarke Thomas Hedman & Samuel Thurston doe Signe it in Behalfe of this meetinge

Soe this meetinge is adiourned till next yeare at the vsuall time & place the Lord permit

(92) Generall yearely Mens meetinge of friends began at Hing
of Lettsom (Taylor in Newport on Rhode Island) ye 14th Day of ye 9th mo
being ye 6th day of ye weeke in ye forenoone. 1700 before ye fifth
Meetinge for Worships sake

The Generall Meetinge Were Called over

Rhode Island Meetinge) Nothinge presented

Sandwich Meetinge none appeared to be called Againe to morrow

Situate Meetinge Edward Hanton appeared) nothinge presented

Salem Meetinge Matthew Estes & Sam Collings did appeare. they
give Acct of Some Sufferings to be brought in to morrow. & to
Have ffriends Consider of A Day to be fixed for A meetinge
To be Kept in Boston Before Linn Meetinge

Pisqatua Meetinge none appeared to be called. againe to mo

Dartmouth Meetinge Jo Tucker & Jacob Mott Jun appeared
nothinge presented

Narragansett Meetinge Benige called over James Burrill
& Dan appeare & gave Acct Some Sufferings Jointly Reburn
went to Boston. Testimony against bearinge of armes to be
it in to Morrow morninge

This Meetinge is by order & Consent Adiourned until ye mor
at ye 8th hour in ye Said meetinge House. ffriends are Desired
to minde ye Time. To gether at the time

The 15th of ye month & ye 1st Day of ye week ye meetinge m
at ye meetinge House. Accordinge to Adiournment & the
proceed as followeth

Sandwich Meetinge Benige called againe. Wm Allen
Allen appeared & presented ye Sufferings of Richd Sanders of
Falmouth for not paying to priest Sam Shurtleff of ye
Falmouth his Imprisonment was 13 Dayes for Refuseinge to
(If Sufferings

Wm Gifford was Taken prisner by ye Same Constable for
paying his Rate to ye Same priest & kept prisoner 10 Days

Salem Meetinge Returned ye Sufferings of Generall
recorded & Sent for London

according to ye desier of ffriends at Linn & Salem Mens
& meetinge to be Kept in Boston ye Sixth Day before ye mee
at Linn at ye Time, of Salem yearely meetinge.//

Pisqatua Tho: Hanson & Wm Haward Appeared an
nothinge presented

Narragansett Meetinge Benige called againe presented
Sufferings of Daniel green for not Training

This Meetinge is Adiourned until ye next Second Day at
10 to Meete at ye new meetinge House ffriends are Desired
to minde ye Time Accordingely

The Second day beinge ye 11 Day of ye 1st m. 1700 friends met accord
to adiournement & Did proceed as followeth viz

The Letter & Epistle from friends in England was sent to ye ffriends meetin
to be keate.

A proposall beinge made & ye Sence of this meetinge beinge Desired
Whether it can be Consistent with truth for these to doe profes it to pay
ye fines Imposed on them or Suffer Distresses for not bareinge of armes tempe-
reighty & Ancient frinds are Desired Knowinge ye Sence of truth & ye minde
of this meetinge to Draw up a Testimony against

Inquiery beinge made by this meetinge how many frinds of falmouth came to be
Releast & from Theire Imprisonment & not to pay ye priests Rate it is Certified
by Seuerall frinds yt Theire ~~frinds~~ Refutinge which are not frinds with
without Theire Knowledge or Consent may it & ye they are. Clere of it

ffriends of Sipican Desire to have a Settled monthly meetinge for worship
And to be Joyned to Dartmouth for the meetinge of Buisnes

The Request of Sipican frinds is Referred to our next quarterly meet
At Rhode Island & Some frinds from Sandwich meetinge are Desired
to attend at ye time or Send Theire minde in writinge to ye.

It is ye order & Determination of this meetinge yt for ye future ye meetinge
House Doores in newport Shall not be Sett open for Worship untill ye tenth
hours Incuinge ye time of the yearely meetinge.

The Epistle Drawne up to friends in London from this yearely meetinge is
approued of & Walter Clarke & Thos Rodman are Desired to
Signe it & Ebenezer Slocumb in ye behalfe of this meetinge.

Walter Clarke & Ebenezer Slocumb are Desired to write an Epistle
to friends in Pensilvania & to give ye Clere Sence of affaires of truth
Stands amongst us

It is Agreed upon by this meetinge yt ye Sixth Day morninge of ye yearel
meetinge before ye publick meetinge for worship begins be for ye future
for frinds of ye ministry to meet Together & Such other Sober frinds as
hath freedome.

It is ye meetinge Hauinge Duly & Watchfully Considered of ye affaires
of truth in the Wisdome of god & Seekinge ye presence of ye Lord
with us we doe Conclude this our yearely meetinge & adiourne
vntill next yeare at our meetinge house in newport at ye vsuall
time if ye Lord permit

[illegible] ouer yearly & yearly meeting of [illegible] ouer nexte meeting for ye in nor[illegible] ye 13th day of ye 4th mo 1701 = being ye sixth day of ye week in the morning; Publick Friends ye a meeting to gather at ye old meeting house nr Sandwich at ye 10th hour & then began ye yearly meeting & held now meeting: for ye 7th day in ye morning ye meeting Friends met to gather again in ye morning at ye 8th hour & then ye publick meeting of worship at ye new meeting house & ye end of ye first days sitting: & ye second day following: being ye 15th day instant: is ye yearly men & womens meeting of ye Church & ye ye several monthly meetings and Quarterly meeting:

Road Island Quarterly meeting:
Sandwich meeting
Rittuate meeting
Salom meeting
Dartmouth meeting
Nantucket meeting
Narragansett meeting

Jacob mott: appeared for Road Island Quarterly meeting a paper is presented to this yearly meeting: from ye Quarterly meeting containing ye truth of ye thing: mentioned Abraham and Jacob ye two men Friends concerned, to ye contrary But they had said nothing for ye men Friends, & yet stayed to hear what more was after the meeting was ended ye men Friends must with them & not prevail with them to condemn this ye two being: this meeting Read & Read sent again & that ye Friends keep ye Friends, for not hearing & ye was discerned to be one of us: Ordered to ye ye sent of ye Yearly

Sandwich meeting:
met with Joseph & Robert Harper appeared and laid in an acct of ye sufferings of ye Friends had nine bushels and a half of Barley taken from them by the Constable John Robinson for the maintainance of ye priest Samuel Shurick

Rittuate meeting;
Edward Wanton & Thomas Coleman appeared & brought in an acct of sufferings ye 4th is on file to be Recorded

Salom meeting =
Richard Carter & Jeremiah Jackson appeared
yearly acct that Friends warrants ordered to distrain for the maintenance of ye priest
[illegible] ye Petition was read & ordered to be sent to the Assembly

Recatua / John Bamton being the 2nd time and 2nd day of the week
were Chosen to attend; for yt This meeting hath Ordayned
to Remind them of the said Order by agaynst yt next yearly
meeting;

Quarterly meeting:
John Tucker & Jacob Mott Came and Informed that things
were needful to Truth to be with them & yt a Testimony out there
is not Suffering with Bishoprick nor for not Training; but Expect it

Narragansett meeting / Appealed to this yearly meeting: Confirming
Wm Smiths & others wch have been Disowned for not Training =
This meeting having Debated with him & both given forth a Publick
Testimony against such Rites to Carnall warr nor pay when
fines for not Training;

Walter Clarke and Ebenezer Slocum are appointed to draw up
an Epistle to ye yearly meeting at Rhode Island in the name of the
Brethren of this our yearly meeting;

Jno Gould and Jacob Mott are Desired to Discourse with Seaconet friends
how what meeting they are minded to Joyn unto whether to
Sandwich or to Dartmo and they are to bring ye Result
of their Discourse to ye monthly meeting is thought fit to change the Days from
the first fifth Days and first Second Days to be ye third
fifth Days & third Second Days in Each month

It is agreed by this yearly meeting that all meetings
of ministring Friends Such as have Testamonies to meet Together
at this time the next Days after our Quarterly meeting at the same
place where the Quarterly meeting shall be held for Exhortation
Instruction for ye more Perfecting & Equipping of
the Saints & for the Encouragement of such who may stand
in need thereof and for Publishing such who may Call
& Qualifying such who may be Called to the Work of the Ministry
& Bring to a Sense of their Duty & Service therein
Read the same & Confirmed in Words of Love;

It is thought Necessary at this our yearly meeting that Such as shall
goe forth in ye ministry to other meetings, shall first
Lay it before the meeting they Belong unto; and have
a Certificate
meetings Approbation by a

Testamony: against Training; & Wm Smiths &c
At this monthly meeting of Portsmouth in the Narragansett Country
where was a Paper Entered to this meeting; wch first Friends there
Quarterly meeting was Informed yt it was just to pay a fine
to Wm Smith and others maintaining yt it was just to pay a fine
for not Training; ye said Smith being present at this meeting Desired
to maintain the said; which being Done; Dealt with in the
Spirit of meekness and wt Friends yt would not be Ensnared
by Debate; yt wch the Testamony of Truth was Unanimously against

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Some Queries to Bee mad: at Quarterly and monthly meelings as followes ... ...ended a our 3 yearly meeting By our ffriends from ... y: 3 day 4 mo 17C:

1 If any others for an ahoreis or any mayor matt an a sionths if ffriends Bee Carefull not to ... as aboue Injoyned to y: worll of people—

2 How ffriends Keepe out of y: Customs, ffashions & languages of ye worll, & if they bee not Carefull wherein—Spoken to & Exhorted

3 How ffriends attend to y: first days & weekly dayes meetings & to y: houre & how ffriends Know from Keeping in meetings and if Bee diligent to Exercise in Watch—Spoken to & Exhorted

4 ... to make Bread with wheat in Season in conuenient y: may ffarr ouer ... y: Land

5 In Watch—ffriends Haue a Care for ... a Seed sober ... nayes & not to dwell Bare or most Chiefly to get ... Gaines & not to ... Seek Riches more than y: and Seeke y: ... for y: nayes manner of ffashions & Languages of y: worll

6 In Watch—all ... any Scandalous ... ffriends ... ffull ... to make any motion or ... and with ... aco: of marriage without first acquainting ... for ... & ... with & ... ffriends ... or ... Let y: ... ffriends ... & ... y: ffriend ... Carefull not to make Enticements ... in Such marriages, after y: Death of husband or wife

7 That ffriends Bee Carefull at ... their precious time in ... & Smoaking in ... to ... y: ... & ... Exhorted

8 In Bread ... ffriends ... among ffriends y: Haue Bee Taken ... out a Spirit of Enuy ...

9 That ffriends Bee Carefull to Bring in their Sufferings for Truths Testamony ... may Record ... for ... Truths Testamony against Swearing ... In Watch—ffriends ... Truths Testamony against Swearing ...

10 Training ... that nature—

11 maintainance of y: yearling ministry—

12 How ... young ... Children may Be Kept out of y: Customs ffashions ... Country in ... & Injoyned ... By Giuing way ... money ... Testimony of ffriends By Giuing way ... money ...

13 How ffriends in their Quarterly meetings Consider ... Care ... ffriends ... & ffriends ... ffriends ... Conscionably ... In Watch—The Births and Burialls of ffriends Children ... Record Borne ... 14 ... into their monthly or quarterly meetings y: they may Bee Recorded

At Over-Generall Yearly meeting of ffriends at Rhode
Island ye 12th day of ye 4th month 1702 Began ——

ye 6th day of ye week Began ye Publick meeting of worship Began
at ye usual meeting house ——
from Natal ye 8th day: meet ministring ffriends Did meet to gather — John Richard
to Virginia Rhode Island Stirling Richard Esq. John Bevins (& pers. name)
with ye Several ministring ffriends of ye Town mett being: ye Lord
Lord presented was Sensibly witnessed with: ye Comfort in
ye Spirit of God Glad Truth to ye younger — Brother-in ye might
hand a wonderfull mercy for ye Truth as it is in Jesus Christ
with Other Exhortations Sundry Publick Such meetings we Solemn
ye 7th day: ended Till ye 10th hour & then Began ye Publick
meeting of worship at our new meeting house in new port —
ye 7th day following: Being ye 13th Instant: ministring ffriends mett together
a gayns: ye same Place with Several ffriends and Country ffriends to Exa-
other to ye good Comforte and Strengthening one a nother in Gospel
work of ye ministry: now Ended about ye 10th hour & yn Began
one ye first day following:
ye Second day following Began our yearly men & womens meeting
for ye Several Affayres
ye Generall meetings Being Called over: viz.
Rhode Island meeting Being Called ye first: Jacob mott & John Easton: appeared
Sandwich meeting: John: wing: & Dan: Stilling appeared ——
Situate meeting: Edward Wanton: & Abraham Booth appeared
Salem meeting: Richard Easton & Sam Collins appeared
Hampton meeting: now appeared
Dover meeting: Wm Hallowell & Peter Varne appeared
Dartmouth meeting: Jacob mott & John: Tucker appeared
Freinage meeting: Benjamin Barker & Jabez Gibbs appeared
Rhode Island ffriends moved what ther ffriends Did day ye 6th & ye
new Erected ye 2nd fourth: for ye building a ffortification after-
ward Erected it is Supposed
Sandwich meeting Being Called ye first: gaudin mercy appearing for
not Training: not is Remitted to Record
Situate meeting Being Called ye first: Edward Wanton informed ye Thomas
mann ffriends Book sent ye 12th from ye Book of ffriends Printed
ye not Extant to Boston: nor ye Book Printed and Book ye
our accot: standing to and advised ye Contrary Bye ye yearly meeting in
ye year 1699: & now Read ye matter Clarke & Ebenezer Slocum to pay
the ye Same & Receipt Same to ye Treasurer —— Surveyed —

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Dalim meeting Being Called upon an acc[t] of Sufferings was brought in and Ordered to John Easton to Rec[d] Record

Hamston meeting Being Called upon Bal none appeares Therefore Ordered the Clerk and Assist to Goe now Charged to Collect the Same Ternity

Dover meeting Being Called upon Wm Halford Esq[r] Entred a paper of Sufferings w[ch] is Ordered to Rec[d] Record

Dartmo[th] meeting Being Called upon Jacob Hurt & Sent a paper Laying Downe Condition Referring Concerning an Extra Imposed on y[e] Mr when Friends and Those into office: That a Revocation of this meeting i that they Doe Address y[e] Governor & y[e] Waller Clarke Doe assist y[e] in y[e] Drawing up a Petition

Grimsby meeting Being Called upon: it is Proposed & Agreed upon That the Yearly meeting shall Cease to be on the first day at Benjamin Bartons is now to be a Yearly meeting at Grimsby and the 7[th] day Ordered to be at Benjamin Bartons and the second day following to be a Mens & Womens meeting at Grimsby

This meeting hath Appointed Walter Clarke & Elinder Stacum to Inquire & Search out Friends Sufferings for Ordered & how to Found out the meeting Houses

Richard Eustis Laid Before this meeting his Intensions of Travailing upon Truths acc[t] to his own Ability in Old England it being taken into Consideration, Ordered him to Lay it before the Quarterly meeting; 2[d] when they Have given Him up then this meeting hath Appointed Dan[l] Jones Walter Clarke Elinder Stacum Jacob Mott to Signe a Certificate with the Clerk of the meeting

An Epistle is to be Sent to our Friend at London giving an acc[t] of y[e] Affairs of Truth meetings of y[e] Province Generally & Truth Standing Sound Materially Comforted and Strengthened in y[e] Love of y[e] Truth

Ordered & Adjourned this Yearly meeting Till y[e] next Yearly meeting if y[e] Lord Permit

At Our Generall Yearly Meeting of Friends at Newport
in Rhoad Island 11th day of ye 4th mo: 1703

1st day of ye week in ye morning at ye 8th hour in our Ould meting
house began our Monthly meeting of ministring Friends
where was John Kinsy Richard Coale Richard —
from Pensilvania — John Rodman from Flushing —
one Long Island Richard Eustis from Linn Jacob Mott
from Darby 4th mo, with the ministring Friends of our
meeting: & Several other Friends of other places y had
a word of Testamony to Bear for y Lord & his truth accord-
ing to their Several Gifts & measures of ye Spirit of ye Lord
committed to us the Lord owning our assemby By manifest-
ing: his Presence in ye Testamony to Whom Ly we were come
and Gathered Did Move to Each other to ye great Comfort
and Consolation of ye Begetting Strengthining & Incouraging
of ye Young in ye Seed of ye ministry: wn Continued until
ye 10th hour and Then Began our Publick meting of worship
in our new meting house where was Gathered already
great assembly mens & womens ye meeting house & most Houses
in ye Town Present was Readily manifested & this for
a truth ye Lord Preasence was Readily manifested & his for-
mer Gifts & Ld made Endowments with power to Demonstrate ye Lords
Truths & Handmaden Ended with Prayer to God in Jesus Christ — to ye opening of
Gods Truth as it is Revealed in Jesus Christ — to ye manifesting ye things of
ye mistery of ye Kingdom & gathering in of ye numberless number
of Souls to Christ gathered in to Christs Fould where they find Food
& are fed with Spiritual Food with Gods mercy & the other —
wayes to our great Satisfaction & mutuall Comfort to see
Gods manifestation of ye Second Coming of our Lord Jesus who is now
manifesting & manifesting him Self to Teach his people him
Self for this Cause this Servants & Handmaids is raised up & Qualified
& Endowed with power to Declare of him & to bear witness to him
to Stage ye stranger & this is a Sure Testimony of ye Kingdom
Satisfied with Gods mercy & Love & Goodness to us & all his people
Glory & Honour & Renowne be to our God & Saviour Jesus Christ for Evermore
Amen

2d day following Being ye 12th day of ye 4th mo: in ye morning at ye 8th hour
Friends Began & Continued as above
ye meting of ministring Friends Began & Continued as above
until the 10th hour and then Began our Publick meeting
meeting of worship as ye day before the Lord owning
us his people with his Power & Life was Felt & also
Ye Day of Sabbath at ye 10th hour Began our Meeting of Publick worship

(2) 2d day following Began our Yearly meeting women meeting apart
for Business and ye affairs of Church of Christ Jesus
being sett Adjourned to meeting house ye meeting
being sett adjourned meetings are now to Bee called over to
see what Business Remains to bee
Rhode Island meeting Being Called upon Ebenezer Slocum
Jacob Mott appears for ye meeting
Dartmouth meeting Being Called upon Robert Harper is Elders
Benjamin appears for said meeting
Scituate meeting Being Called upon Robert Barker appears
Eleazar Ye Elder being ill was upon request excused to attend said meeting
But was represented By being Elder —
Salem meeting Being Called upon Thomas Farrer Nicholas Wyatt
appears
Hampton meeting Being Called upon Jacob Mott appears
Kingstown Yearly meeting Being Called upon Wm Hazford appears
Dartmouth meeting Being Called upon Jacob Mott junr & Isaac
Decker appeared
Swansey meeting Being Called upon Nicholas Brown & Eleazer
Brown appeared
The Friends appointed for Rhode Island Acquainted this meeting yt
the Books appointed to be printed were not ready & Desired were
yet to Bee kept for ye Purpose & this meeting ordered for ye printing ye
matter of payment of this meeting name appointed for ye same as followeth
The Friends appointed for Rhode Island William Edmundson Anthony
for Dartmouth Benjamin Howland for Kingstown Robert Harper
for Scituate Wm Hamblin for Salem Samuel Gascoyne
Wm Collins for Hampton Henry Dow; for Dover Wm Hazford —
Ordered, James Greene to the Friends about said are appointed
12 Books for Kingston Dover — — — — — 0 — 4 — 0
30 for Narragansett — — — — — — 1 — 0 — 0
20 for Taunton — — — — — — — 0 — 13 — 4
30 for Scituate — — — — — — — 1 — 0 — 0
30 for Dartmouth — — — — — — — 1 — 0 — 0
30 for Salem and Lin — — — — — — 1 — 0 — 0
100 Books as wee are informed for Rhode Island 4 — 18 — 8
This is to bee Payed unto Thomas Richardson — 10 : 0 : 0 — & for Printing
& to order Reynier Jansen Printer to Print Books and write Letters
mentioned.
The Quarterly meeting of Friends is Ordered to stand Adjourned to the
first Second day in the 8th month next ensuing & then to Receive Relations
concerning Friends as Referred to ye next Yearly meeting.

The ffriends appointed to draw an Epistle in y^e behalfe of this meeting, to y^e Quarterly meeting at Salem are Wallen Clark Samuel Shattuck Ebenezer Stockbridge and Thomas Newman as to draw to ffore

It was Concluded Vpon y^t it might Be Convenient for ffriends in y^e Massachusets Government to draw vp an Address to y^e Government By way of Request that they may Be Excused from such Services as they Cannot Bear By Reason of their Consciences & that in Stead thereof they Can Solemnly Promise an Oath & that in Stead of ffines & Waller Clarke is desired and y^t Vpon the penalty of forfeiture to Appear

It is also y^e desire of ffriends at this meeting y^t y^e several ffriends there in their Several Respective Townships do Attend this meeting and also to meet with ministring ffriends at this monthly meeting

It is Agreed at this meeting y^t there Be A meeting for y^e worship of God at Rehoboth in Swansey bounds y^e 4^th day of y^e week before y^e Quarterly meeting at Hull and y^t Begins y^e first 6^th day in Every 4^th month

This meeting is Adjourned vntill y^e next 4^th day According to former practis

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At our Generall Yearly Meeting of Friends at Newport in Rhoad Island y^e 9^th day^s of y^e 4^th mo 1704

The 6^th day^e of y^e week^e in y^e morning at y^e 8^th hour Began our Morning meeting of ministring friends whereof was Joseph Glaister of Comberland in ould England & Thomas Chuckley of Pensilvanah & Thomas Turner of ould England & Richard Gosh of Lin- north our ministring friends y^t Being to our meetings with other faithfull friends: w^ch Continued until y^e 10^th hour & then Began our Generall yearly meeting of worship: whereas y^e Lord's presence was plentifully manifested and his Servants Endued with wisdome and power from on high to Declare and demonstraw The Lord's Glorious Truth as They had Received it in & Through our Lord Jesus Christ to our Comfort Edification & Consolation

The next day^s Being y^e 7^th Day^s of the week in y^e morning at y^e 8^th hour Began our Morning's meeting of ministring friends and Continued until y^e 10^th hour & then Began our publick meeting of worship as y^e day^s Before and so y^e two day^s following

The 2 day^s Began our Generall yearly men & womens meeting of Business y^e 12^th day^s of y^e 4^th mo 1704 at our new meeting house at Newport in Rhoad Island &c

The meeting Being Sett y^e Several Friends meetings Being Called Over &c

Rhoad Island meeting Being Called upon
Clarke Stockham John Borden & John Easton appeared & Sd meeting

Sandwich meeting Being Called upon
Robert Harper & nathan Wing appeared & Sd meeting

Situate meeting Being Called upon
Edward Stanton & Abraham Booth Appeared & Sd meeting

Salem meeting Being Called upon
Thomas Thoro & Joseph Boyce appeared & Sd meeting

Hampton meeting Being Called upon
none appeared to answer y^e meeting: Therefore ordered Robert Easton to be more Diligent for Time to Come

Dover meeting Being Called upon
none appeared: Therefore ordered Robert Easton as Before to be more Diligent & to do Therein Duely

Dartmo^th meeting: Being Called upon
John Tucker Philip Stockham & nathan Rowland appeared & Sd meeting

Over the y^e other Side

Grinage meeting Being Be Called Upon——
Abnor Spenser & peter Rosse apeard at said meeting

Referred from our Last yearly meeting to this y^t: y^e Books Called Dan
gerfield Books should Be payed for w^ch Being Examined into doe
finde y^e mony is gathered and payed to Abraham Atkinson by
order of y^e printer——

Referred from y^e Last yearly meeting: to this meeting:
The matter Relating to marriages in y^e Kindred
& this meeting hath Considered the matter and give their Judgment &
Advise That Care Be taken that Those Be noted that make two Carts
proseedings in Second marriages nor y^t none marry within the
fourth Degree of Consanguinity or Third in Affinity according
to former advise——

Agreed at this meeting that friends Get their meeting house to be
Registered in y^e publick Record with Allowance from Authority
for that Service of a publick meeting house as the Law directs

Dart mo. 14th meeting hath desired to have their yearly meeting
the 2^d 3^d 4^th Sixth days in y^e 8^th mo and to have their monthly
men and womens meeting of Business to be y^e 3^d second days in
Every month w^ch is Assented to——

Walter Clark Elinezer Roakum Dan^l Gould & Tho: Redman are
appointed to draw up an Epistle & give an acco^t of y^e Affairs of
the Church to our friends and Elder Brethren at their
yearly meeting at London——

This yearly meeting is Ended & Adjourned to y^e next yearly meeting
Time and place

At a Generall Yearly meeting of Friends at Newport in
Rhode Island y^e 8^th day of y^e 4^th month in y^e year 1705

The 6^th day of y^e week in y^e morning at the 8^th hour began our morn-
ing meeting of ministring Friends where was Sam^ll Bownis
& Nightingale in old England Friends Easts of Lin with our
ministring Friends from our other meetings with other Friends
Friends from Jamaica & Virginia y^e 10^th hour in y^e Day began our Gener-
all meeting of Worship where y^e Lord was pleased was plentifully manif-
ested his Saints Endowments with wisdom & power from on high to
Edification & demonstration of y^e Spirit & Power by this sd Gen^ll Meeting
& through y^e Lord Jesus Christ to our Consolation Edification and Comf-
ort. The next day being y^e 9^th day of y^e week in y^e morning at y^e 8^th
hour began our morning meeting of ministring Friends and Contin-
ued until y^e 10^th hour and y^e 11^th began our publick meeting of worship
at 11^th Days Conclud and the first day following

The second days being our Generall Yearly men & womens meeting of
Business y^e 11^th day of y^e 4^th mo 1705 at our new meeting house at
Newport in Rhode Island &c

The meeting being Sat 4^th Several Particular meetings being Called
our
Rhode Island meeting being Called John Easton Jacob Mott Jun^r & Nath^ll Anthony
appeared

Sandwich meeting; John Wing, Daniel Allin appeared

Hadley meeting; Edward Wanton appeared

Salem meeting; Samuel Collins & Christ^r Oakey appeared

Hampton meeting; Josua Purrington appeared

Dover meeting; William Hayward, Ebenezer Varney appeared

Dartmouth Meeting: Benj Stockum, John Russell appeared

Nine Mile meeting; Sam: Perry & Edward Carter appeared

The aforesaid Quarterly meetings sent to this Generall Yearly meeting
y^e marriages are to be consumated at a meeting appointed for
and not at our weekly meetings of worship &c as presented unto
when marriages doe pass Three our monthly meetings y^t Cann be taken
y^e two faithfull Friends to see y^e marriage consumated in y^e Decent order
of Truth

Whereas a Judgment hath formerly past against William Smith
for paying his fine for not Training &c Wm Smith having moved
Judgment & made out his Case to y^e Satisfaction of Friends
as may appear by a paper under his own hand

(y^e other Side) The meeting Ratifying

At our Generall yearly meeting of ffriends in Newport in Rhode Island y^e 14^th day of the 4^th month in y^e yeare 1701

The Six^th day, y^e 4^th hour in y^e morning Began our mornings meeting of Ministring ffriends, at y^e 8^th hour whereat was ffirst Read John ffelt's and William Armistead's of Boston in New England Richard Sutton of Long Island Hester Palmer of Long Island mary Lawson of Pensilvania with other Ministring ffriends & particular meetings with other ffriends Letters Read then Clos'd this Meeting Until y^e 10^th hour and then began our Generall yearly meeting of worship; where the Lord Stood in his Pleasure, & Eminently Manifested his Love & Power from one to another, & Declared & Demonstrated the Love & Blessed Truth as they have Received it according to their measure in and through y^e Love of Jesus Christ to our Consolation Edification & Comfort

The 7^th day following at the 8^th hour in y^e morning Began our meeting of Ministring ffriends, and Continued Until y^e 10^th hour, y^n Began our publick meeting of worship, as y^e days Before, & also y^e following

The 2^d day of y^e week Being y^e 17^th day of y^e 4^th month 1701 Began our Generall yearly meeting to inspect and Settle y^e affairs of y^e Church Both for y^e men & for y^e women &c

The meeting Being Sett the Several ffriends meetings Being Called

1 Rhode Island meeting Called — John Borden John Coggeshall & Nath^ll Brownell Appeared of this meeting

2 Sandwich meeting Called — Daniell Butler Appeared of this meeting

3 Scituate meeting Called — Edward Wanton & Tho^s Holeman Appeared

4 Salem meeting Called — Sam^ll Collings & Nam^ll Buffum Appeared

5 Hampton meeting Called — Henry Green & Joshua Perington Appeared

6 Dover meeting Called — Wm Harford only Appeared

7 Dartmouth meeting — Jn^o Tucker & Stephen Wilcox Appeared

8 Grindge meeting Called — Rowland Robinson & Jacob Green Appeared

The ffriends of Rhode Island having Drawn Certificates of y^e Matters Transacted at their Last Quarterly meeting held at Dartmouth the 4^th day of the Second week in the Eleventh month & that the said Quarterly meeting Began on y^e 6^th day of the week Being the Sixth day of the Second week in the Eleventh month

and that the meeting of Ministring ffriends to the Following day as Usuall — at y^e ffirst place —

turn over ——— to the Boring Divers

neare being divers papers sent from ye Friends in
England Relating to the Disowning of ye Law made in
Connecticutt Colony against Friends This meeting upon
Consideration have left it to ye monthly meeting at Rhod Isld
for further Consideration to Weather to print or send a Bo
in manuscript

It being proposed in this meeting yt Friends of Providence
might have their days Appointed to their yearly meeting wch
is granted to be ye Second days following

It is also proposed yt there might be a Yearly meeting Settled
at Kingstown, wch is granted and Concluded to Begin ye Secon
first days of ye Sixth month and ye Second days following w
both for worship

It being proposed by Sandwich & Situate yt they become
one Quarterly meeting of Burlings the first to Begin at
Situate ye days before ye Yearly meeting at Nantasket
it being ye Last 4th — in ye 4th month & ye Second Quarter
meeting to be at — ye Second Days following after —
Situate Yearly meeting of worship —
ye Third Quarterly meeting to be held at Sandwich ye Second
Second days of ye 10th month —
ye Fourth Quarterly meeting to be held at Sandwich ye Second
days following after Sandwich Yearly meeting of worship

Thomas Rodman John Eaton Junr & Thomas Cornell Junr are appoynted
to Take Care yt Friends bring in an Exact Acct of their Suffrin
long Cutting &c
to ye monthly meeting of Rhod Island

Richard Ellis Samll Cottrings & Walter Newberry are Appointed
by ye Quarterly Meeting of Salem Quarterly meeting —
John Tucker & Wm Sold are appointed to take the like Care
about Sufferings of Dartmouth Quarterly Meeting —
Daniell Butler and William Jeffords are appointed to take
like Care about Sufferings of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting

Agreed By this meeting that Enquiries be made to ye Yearly
Meeting at Pensilvania & Barbadoes that every Yearly
Meeting Correspond with Each other — By a regular method of Inquiries to
be Sent & Returned — By a regular method of Inquiries to
be Sent & Returned — By corresponding to Each other as occasion may Require
Such Queries to be Sent — Answers & Epistles to be Read & Returned
accordingly The next Yearly Meeting at Burlington
Providence or Salem — from them being Desirous to have their
Quarterly Meeting Altered and to be but one — ye Eight first
days of the Month Friday Concluded 12th & Friends Return
Accordingly

ye other Side

Friends are Desired to take Care in Burying in Theare Burying
in Each Quarterly meting & take notis of ye Days of ye month &
the yeare and also ye name of ye person that grantes for the
Ground and the names of ye persons that takes away Theare goods
and the Reason for what it is taken whether Rent or Other wise
the name of ye place whare the Friend Lieth and all ye Sume
about name and the Sume Demanded & ye Valew of what is
taken

Thomas Clark & Ebenezer Blaacrum are appointed to draw up an
Epistle giving an acco of ye Affaires of Truth to Bee sent to our Friends
in England from this Yearly meting signed By Thomas Thomas Redman

This meting is Adiorned until to morrow at ye 9th hour at
Ports mouth

Friends Being mostly gathered at Ports mouth according to Adjournment
This 18th Day of ye 4th month 1706

This meting hauing Under Consideration, that Some persons
whome the monthly meting haue Seen meet to appoint as ouer
Seers of Theare meting, to inspect into ye Conuersation, of Friends
haue Refused to take ye Service upon ye This meeting therefore giues it as
theare Judgment, that Such persons whome the meeting Sees meet to
appoint Ought not to Refuse to take Such Service upon them
the pay of the Ministry to goe to ye Seuerall monthly metings

It is Concluded at this meeting that whereas formerly an acco was
Expected from Each monthly meeting that for the future an accott will
be only Expected from Each Quarterly meting

It is also Expected that two persons out of Each monthly meeting to
appointed by ye Quarterly meeting to Represent ye State of Truth to the Generall
Yearly meting

This meting hauing Duly Thaire Weighty Consideration the Inconue
niency that Sooth is may happen by reason of Friends Burying
theare Dead in theare gardens or orchards or other places not Set
orly Set apart for Burying ground for Friends We Sooth Carolina
Adopt that Every Particular meeting, take Care to prouide a Conuenient
piece of Ground well Fenced and made fast to the Said meeting to Burye
Dead in it is also Adviced ye when Such a Burying place
Shall be prouided, ye all Friends Belonging to the Said meeting in
Every Theare Dead Theare in

We also Recomend to Friends of theare Seuerall monthly metings
Those following particulars which is Expected to Be Inquired into from time
to time at the Yearly meting;

1st Order whereas in this meeting Depth ye Eyes in Every Quarter at
least Such Friends as are Appointed to Inspect into the affairs amongst
Friends and Take Deligent Care in Every particular
meeting to Call to Account by the monthly meeting of theare Members
and how things are ye Such Friends appointed by the monthly meetings
at the ye Quarterly meetings may be Qualified to Inform

Mr Thomas Thackerey in ye word of ye may be Referred to ye Quarterly
meeting; Considering it will be a means to stir up friends
to Watchfulness & Circumspection in walking both towards
to this glory & friends with Hand & Comfort —

Agreed by Thomas Richardson drawn out the minuts of this meet
& also ye Epistle in page (19) and take Copy of Each monthly
meeting hand sent of ye 7th —

Walter Clark & Ebenezer Slocumb having drawn up an Epis
as appeareth ye which was Read presented and Read at this meeting
approved and ordered to be signed By Walter Clark Ebenezer
Slocumb and Thomas Rodman who are desired to send ye same to
England —

It is ordered ye all Books of twelve Shillings price be sent for Curwen to
Record all friends Sufferings belonging to this yearly meeting
and Thomas Rodman is appeareth to Record the same

A question being stated to this meeting whether such persons as
doth take up Armes and go to training and fitt to sell in old mett
of Boisness, It is ye Judgment of this meeting ye such person that
is out of Unalay with friends; or ye Dealing of friends for
any miscarriage Ought to be Suffered to sit in meetings of bu
ness; nor Their Collection to be Received, But be desired to
withdraw; from such meetings untill such time as they give
Satisfaction for such their miscarriage —

It being taken into Consideration ye dangers & distresses that
friends and Liable unto & the Declaration of ye sense of the
Quarterly meeting last ward doth read & and acquaint ye
meetings for Relief —

This Generall yearly meeting being ended is Adjourned
Intill ye next yearly at the place and time as formerly

A Copy of ye Epistle to our Elder Brethren in Ireland

To Our Elders in the Blessed Truth and Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
is the Salutation of our Endeared Love

This Comes as wee are in Daily Bonds to Render an account of ye Service
our Yearly meeting: wch was attended with ye great Love of God; being
very Large & numerous; and supplyed with Able Ministers from several
parts; Wch John Storey & Wm Armitage as also some women Ministers
hath been graciously blessed, to Refreshment in this wilderness Land; to the
great Comfort & Establishment of Friends, Also to ad Friendly Service in
Generall; our meeting being held in Newport one Rhod Island the
14: 15: 16: 17. & part of ye 18th days of ye 4th month 1706. and was
Enquiry of those Friends; that were there, and ye Yearly
& Quarterly meetings; and other meetings; in the Several Colonies
parts; (not Sadly Brought into those divisions) that Friends are in
Unity, Love, and in peaceable Quiet to ye Civil Government; there are many
& add[itions] great & increases; the Harvest seeming to Grow great in
New England, the Lord it be his Blessed will; to supply it with meet
full Labourers; to become in ye Stead of those, who have gone the
Spirits by Sea & by Land, for his Righteous Sake; and have Returned and
Returning, with Sheaves in their Bosoms; the Affliction this Country
meets with; especially ye Eastern parts; by the Barbarous Indians; of
Scalping, Killing & Captivating Several are of them, seeming in some
parts of the Land Friends that were living [illegible] these parts
Even though there is a Needful Good Ray and Tendency Friendly, that we
with Love & Compassion Even until the Death for those of them
who Rebel & are at open Hostility against ye King's Forces, are
accounted as those for the Slaughter, by those of our Own Nation as
well as others, many being also of our new Acquaintance, not only
being not as Glad to see and hear Friends in England, have Obtained Liberty
in Respecting their Conscientious Law; wch gives great hopes of their
Future Good among them, more ye Heathen to it with Boldness, the
Love in many more ways for it, & the Enemies Closer with, ye Several
may, and there, are but one for the Interest of our Government, these
may, as Engines to the Nations; The Lord's hand of Power & Terrors
is Seeming to arise to Shake the Earth over the Southern parts
of New England & Virginia & Carolina to Partake with the
Northern Provinces with a great Blast, Tempests &
Thunderings, many Houses with a great Blast, Tempests &
to Ships & Vessels, Totally Ruined of them as Rotten Doors & Windows
to Houses & Barns, Fruit in the Orchards and Grain on the Ground
Trees overthrown, &c. by the
& Tree a Mercy [illegible]
Sincere Friends and Brethren in the Lord's Blessed Truth
Signed by order & appointment of said Meeting By Isaac Decow Clerk
Ebenezer Slocum
Tho Rodman

A Generall Yearly Meeting of Friends held in Newport
Rhode Island y^e 13^th day of y^e 4^th mo 1707

The 6^th day of the week Ou-morning meeting of ministring friends
Began at the 8^th hower who are these Sam^ll Jenings; John Eastburn
from Philadelphia with several of our men
Belonging to this meeting from Several parts; to enlarge
Gods pretious power was then Began our Generall meeting of worp
The 2^d day following Being y^e 16^th day of y^e 4^th mo 1707 Began
Began our Generall yearly meeting of Business Reported and
Settled the affaires of y^e Church Both Preparatory meeting for the
women The meeting Being Sett
The Generall Quarterly meetings Being called Ordered to give
an acco^t of y^e affaires of the Church &c
Thread Island Quarterly meeting Being ordered; the Friends
appointed to attend this meeting are Edmund Gibbons, John Eastburn
Jacob Mott Jun^r of Rhode Island Richard Borden of Portsmouth
and Thomas Sleeper, Stephen Willcocks of Dartmouth
and Ifrish of Kingstown Sam^ll Povey of Kingstown Wm Wilkinson of Rochester
with Friends of Providence & Warwick all
Concluded
Narragansett Quarterly meeting began this morning
Ordered Thomas Lawton
Dartmouth Quarterly meeting
Salem
Ordered
Ordered
Ordered

37. A Gen= Generall Yearly meeting held at Newport
in Rhoad Island, y^e 11^th - 12^th - 13^th - & 14^th days of y^e 4^th - mo^th 1708

the 6^th days of the week o^r morning meeting of ministers
Appoynted to Begin at the 8^th houer and Continued Vntill y^e 10^th
hou^r & ~~Adjourned~~ Adjorned to y^e next morning at y^e 8^th hou^r and
Continewed Vntill y^e 10^th ho^r

Our Generall Yearly meeting of worship Began at y^e 11^th houer
and held 6^th day 7^th day & 1^st day

The Second days of y^e week following Being y^e 14^th of y^e 4^th mo^th Ingsum
o^r meeting for Buisines & sitting in y^e Church being Sett

The Generall Quarterly meetings Being Called Viz^t

Rhoad Island Quarterly meeting; Their Representatives are Ebinezer Slocum
John Borden John Easton w^m Barker Jacob Mott Jun^r w^m Anthon
Joseph Nas John Tucker Peleg Slocumb; John Pucksum.

Ebner Spencer Joseph Arnold

Salem Quarterly meeting Their Representatives are Robert Burton
Sam. Collings Thomas Carver Thomas Richardson Andrew Sharp
Joshua Purington John Feney

Sandwich Quarterly meeting; Their Representatives are Richard Ad
Thomas Bleman

The Representatives of Each Quarterly meeting are Desired to Enq^r
Seriously if any person y^t is outwardly with Vs or not worthy
persons Qualities Suitable to Rule at this o^r Yearly Meeting
& Buisiness managing the Affairs of y^e Church Shall be
decided as in y^e wisdom of God they shall see meet

Whereas as Walter Clark and Ebinezer Slocumb, were Continued
at o^r Last Yearly meeting to write to Friends at Philadelphia
and Burlington, yearly meeting, to Settle a Correspondancy by
Friends Appointed or By Epistle

The Friends appointed Returned for answer that they did write
an Epistle by Ebinezer Slocumb Enclosed, that God Willing, it should
be Sent which was Kindly Received; and in as much as there is
not an answer Come to this meeting, Friends Call Appointed Ebinezer
Slocumb & Thomas Rodman to write to Friends Heard and give
an account of y^e affairs of Truth and also to Signifie, y^t we have
not Returns from Said Yearly meeting;

Yet nevertheless Friends Observed above at o^r Last Yearly meeting & Concerning
the said meeting house and Land Ordered for the Service of Truth
which was Given, But Heard hath Seems not Given Proceeding
therein and they are desired to Be more Diligent in y^e matter

A paper Presented By Rhoad Island Quarterly meeting Relating
to the Regulating of Friends in their Behaviour and Appear-
ing: from Scituate and Heard Whether an answer is to o^r Yearly
Meeting

This meeting hath Chosen Some ffriends out of Each Quarterly Representatives as a Comitty to Consider ye Servis of it and what they Shall approve of to perfect and to Bring it in to ye meeting viz^t Hezekiah Haccum; wm Barker; wm Anthony Samuell Collings — Robert Buffum Thomas ffarar — Richard Adling Thomas Coleman John Tucker Benjamen Barton; ——

The aboue ffriends togeather with Severall women ffriends appointed By the womens meting Did meete aboue Stay to Consider of ye Nesasary minetts Respecting the Regulation of Conversation and habit and after a ffree and ffriendly Converse and Consideration of Such Nesasary Perticulers, hath agreed that the Same ought to Bee Observed and put in practis, By all ffriends Professing truth and that it may haue the more and Generall Effect as desired This meeting doth agree that an Entrey of Every Such Perticuler may Bee Duely made in this Quarterly Book after the Entrey of ye proceedings of this meeting and yt the ffollowing Persons; Take Care to visit Each of ye Quarterly Matings viz^t to Each Quarterly meeting one; and that Every Quarterly meeting Take Care to visit Every monthly meeting One; and that Every Such Quarterly meeting make an Entry of them in ye Quarterly meting Book and Lastly that Every monthly meeting visit the Brethren of the Visiters with Advice to put Said minetts in practis, with all other Nesasary things in practis — amongst ffriends; the ffriends to accomplish the Entry and Visits of ye Severall Quarterly meetings and Johan Hallet, Abraham Anthony Junr & Thomas Eacn ——

Salem Quarterly meeting haue offered a draft of a peece of Land in Boston for a meting house and Burying Ground which is approued of and Concluded to Bee Purchased and that a house of thirty Foot long, and thirty foot wide, and twenty foot Stud, to Be Built) previous License may be Obtayned to Build the Same with Wood, Isaac Collings, Walter Newberry, Jacob Mott, Junr, John Wing & Thomas Richardson are appointed as a Comitty to Take ye whole work Vnder their Care to — proceed Therein, with as much Speed as Convenience will admit — and to Dispose and make Sale of the Old meeting house & ye premises thereof Empley towards ye Building ye Same and this meeting ingages to Supply with what money Shall be wanting to Perfect the Same, it is also agreed that the Comitty may Take or Cause that piece of Land, ye Late Richard Wildam mentioned as they in Discretion Shall think meet ——

Salem meeting also proposed Some Alteration in Settlement of Thurs-

Quarterly meeting which is left to that Quarterly meeting as they
stand in the wisdom of Truth then meete and make Returne to
ye next yearly meeting; ——

This meeting Understanding that the Seuerall Quarterly meetings have
not taken the necessary Care in Securing By proper Deeds the Land
and meeting houses apertaining to Friends, for the Generall Service
Truth, This meeting therefore doth Recomend to the Seuerall Quar-
erly meetings that they take ye needfull Care as speedily as may
to haue Such deeds and Settlements effected and Bring theare Re-
turn of theare Service theareon to ye next Yearly meeting ——

Nantucket Friends Proposed and desired of this meeting that they
may haue Liberty to the Rhoad Island Yearly meeting of Wor-
ship, and a monthly man & womens meeting for Business and
that they Bee Joyned to some Quarterly meeting which Com-
sideration is concluded as followeth Viz: ——

That they haue a Yearly meeting to Begin the fourth Sixth Days
in ye fourth month to Hold 6th 7th and first Days following and
the Second Days following for theare monthly meeting But als
theare Other monthly meetings Bee Kept one the Last Second
Days in Each month and that they be Joyned to Rhoad Island
Quarterly meeting; ——

This meeting doth appoynt Jacob Mott Thomas Corned to visit Friends
of Nantucket, and Begin with theare Yearly meeting and after
the Same Indeauor to Bring them into the necessary Order and Man-
ment of ye monthly meetings Business: ——

Wm Barker Peleg Slocum, & Eliezer Slocumb doth also of
themselues to go for the Generall Service of Truth ——

Foure Dozen of Friends Books Brought to this meeting By Walter
Clark & Daniell Gould which are Signed, & By this meeting is
followeth Viz: Two Dozen to John Easton for Rhoad Island Quarterly
meeting; one Doz to Thomas Coleman for Pittuate and Sandwich Quar-
terly meeting; and one Doz to Andrew Yarns for Salem & Hampton Quar. mee
two Certificates of our Friends Patrick Henderson was Read one from
the Prouince meeting of Belfast in Ireland Dated ye 4th 11th mo 1706 & one
from ye monthly meeting of Flushing one Longe Island Dated ye 5th 9th mo
1707 Both which was Read & Satisfactory, ——

Ebenezer Slocumb and Thomas Rodman Being appoynted to Drawe a
Record of ye Service and Conversation of our Friend Patrick Henderson
whilst amongst us, which Being Read was Signed By this meeting ——

This meeting doth appoynt Ebenezer Slocumb & Tho: Rodman to Draw
an Epistle to ye Yearly meeting at London giuing an Accot of ye State
and affairs of Truth in Generall which Thay haue, according to
and Publickly Read in this meeting; was ord to Bee Signed By
the said Ebenezer Slocumb and Thomas Rodman who are also
desired to take Care it Be Copyed and Sent to London By the
Ships. ——

Hauing Receiued a Large Epistle from our Beloued

Rec^d^ from John Hollingsworth Dated from Antigua y^e^ 15^th^ of the 4^th^ mo: 1707; which was Read in this meeting to Friends great Comfort and Satisfaction

Two Epistles one Generall and one particuler from y^e^ Yearly Meeting of London to this meeting was presented and Read, w^ch^ was very Satisfactory and Comfortable

This meeting Ended & Adjorned Until y^e^ next Quarterly at y^e^ Same Place

Yearly Epistles received from London ye 15th of 4th mo. 1708

George Whitehead
Tho. Pellow
Tho. Pinnock
Wm Warren
Richard Hilham
George Stoner
Robt Curtis
Lant. Monke
P Harm
Jacob Lewen
Wm Penn jnr
Jos Scove
Jn Hoskes
Josiah Appleby
Henry Gouldney
Tho. Lacrary
Rich Newham
John Naylor
Thomas Zenor
Sarah Stead
John Eccleston

Yor Epistle Signed in Behalfe of ye yearly meeting at yo Second days morning meeting and meeting for Sufferings Read ye 1st 7th mo. 1709 Wee Received which was Read in ye yearly meeting; to our great Comfort and satisfaction In Generall wee take notice of ye great Care in the Love of God, you have for the Prosperity of Truth Gathering & Increase in Ireland; which Love of yours in ye Power and Spirit of God hath Reached and Visited in those parts, soe yt Both ye way Quarterly monthly and weekly meetings are Established and Kept Orderly & Unanimously & our Friends and Brethren Overseers are Diligent in Exercising ye Discipline of Truth & the profession of it in Life Conversation and Doctrine, and as to the Advancing of this Generall yearly meeting, have not in ye Epistle directed to ye yearly meeting in London given a more particular Account to which wee Refer; not doubting of yo ye Lord's Power & Presence as above will take Care and Order ye Affairs of his Church & People in ye Island for his Name Sake

Signed & Sealed in ye Behalfe of ye yearly meeting — by Geo. Whitehead Tho. Pellow Tho. Pinnock

Ye Epistle with ye Minutes in to Latin in one to be sent from London Yearly Meeting Read & Signed by ye Marchant in Dublin Read 2d Noon —

A Testimony Against Hypocrisy

For as much as it hath pleased ye only wise God in Rich & to visit A people Unworthy of ye Lords of all his Mercys & ye day of one height: calling by his Grace to Repen & make known his son in & Glorious Light in their own hearts: things Reprovable discovering & manifest Plainness are from Time to Time made manifest in & Reproves by ye It is therefor ye duty of all Pros to walk in ye fear Denying & way of Humility & plainness: having Regard to ye Early Testimonys of many Elders: & have been & Testify against Pride Covetousness, and Hypocrisy in ye whole Course of Conversation & to Keeping ye Simplicity & Foolish Fashions & Customs of ye World & let it not be named Perfection according to ye Testimony of ye Apostle I We will be as Servant Subject not Esthenes you Selves all to your former Lusts in your Ignorance but as he which hath called you is Holy so be ye Holy in all manner of Conversation & as Rom 12 2 be ye not conformed to ye World but by Renewing of your minds ye may prove what is ye good & perfect will of God &c. Many Brethren what Sorrow & Things are there whereon & Things are Lasting & Things are Evil & Things are Pure & Things are Lovely & whatsoever things are of good report (mark) if there be any virtue & any praise think on these things & ye have both learn & received & heard & seen in ye Spirit that, & you

and for better ordering of such Collom Matters let ye following Rules be observed by ye Quarterly & ye Monthly Meetings & these given to such persons as by ye Meetings are or may be chosen, for ye Benefit & Ease of Friends they may recommend them & ye Pros Love up to Truths Testimony in this & all other things: ye Sion may Shine & Glory of Nations & ye Pearls of ye whole Earth —

Mor as much as all are given true worship & Divine to see Let all Pros Especially Elders & such who have a more Extraordinary Gift in Respect to both first & week days Meetings ye time of ye day appointed for Gathering with them as many both Children & Servants as Conveniant not see much their

Meetings

That all ye Quarterly Meetings & other Meetings & Liberty
given for ye Encouragment of ye worke of ye Church be diligently ....
& due frequent attendance Duly minding with Reason & service of ye Meeting
& not depart untill ye Meeting be Ended & then wise by Consent of ye Meeting
pick out one & Time & Standing: Avoiding as much as may be Hasting Each
other. But in meekness to wt one minde Carry on ye worke of ye Lord keeping out all
Unclean & Unruly spirits: out of ye Camps of Israell ~~~~~

That None be thought fit: members or Elected to sit in Meetings of Church Discipline
: who are of Evile Report or Under Church dealing: or who doe not Diligently
frequent weekly Meetings: or who Sleep frequently in Meetings: or doe not
Stand Clear in their Testimony against Training in ye Quality of Soldier or
more in their Children: & also: Against all Priest Maintainance & worship
Days Eves: or what Honor is pretended to belonge to their Function ~~~~

That all Parents of Children Masters & Mistress of Families Doeing: it
be required to give good Example in their Familys: Life & in Dress as becometh
for wearing Hayr Cutt Haire & Shunne Imbroidering Cloth: or to Excesse
one to another. Train up their Children & Servants in ye Feare of God &
Plainness of Speech & Habitt, Keeping their Children & Servants from lying
[illegible]

That all Ffreds of what Nation Soever be required to observe full fill &
their Contracts words & promises duly minding in season ye time Limited in
any Obligation: & in dealing not Esteemed any thing beyound wheats necessary
being in few words in Bargaining: Let your ya be ya & your nay be nay
And all to avoid & not undertake any Things wch they are not Capable of: or
any New waies of Employ Hazerdous to Sensitive persons & Estate in which
by Experience may be likely to Insue Reproach without first obtaining ye Unanimous
Consent of ye Monthly Meeting to wch they belonge ~~~~

And for as much as time in this world is very Uncertain: doe ye Inhabitants
Here & there may be duely Informed any Will or Testimt of
Imployed theirs: & ye good Esteem & Credit ye Profession of ye Church: that
ye Children & all Friends Capable with in sufficient memory & Understanding
make such Will or Testiments of their proper Estate as may after their Decease
Cut off Occasion of Strife & Trouble to ye Church ~~~~

That all Frd: keep to Plainess in their household Stuff and Furniture both Riding and other waise; Avoiding in Particular the use and Flowred Bed or Window hangings, of Divers Colours, & Curious Counterpaines, & Table Carpetts, of Like quady Colours, & Valeants, & Fringes, and that Side Saddles & others be without Fringes, & Bridles without needless Buckles & Roses.

That all Frd: y^t have Vessells of Silver Do not Sell them to Buy Publick Place nor no Other Flowred painted Vessels, having More to be Seen then Otherwise.

That all Be Carefull On Ocation of Marriages to Avoid that much Abused Custom of Making Feasts & Intertaining beyond what is Necessary to Wedding Dinners which is of Uneasy and Costly Consequence; Avoiding of Too much Liberty in Vain Company to Youth, for it frequently falleth out on Such Occasions that some Unseasonable Disorders Committed both in Eating, Drinking, & Other Way of Excess to Excess, Tending to the Reproach of Truth & Trouble of Friends.

That any Frd: or Frds: in Unity or Professing Truth, goe not to the Marriages of Non Conformists nor Professing Truth in Marrying Otherwais then what is Aproued of Among Friends nor yet to the Marriages of any others against the Consent of the Elders of the Meeting to which they belong.

That women Frds: and Young Women Professors Keep their Hair Plain of the Fore Part in Wearing their Heads Not on those Sides with Curls Locks or Bunches that may be Seen, nor wore the Pockcloath Long hanging Out or twisted through the Bellendoss, nor Bigg Superfluous, Or Superfluity of Buttons, nor Bigg Buttonholes, or Lace in Imitation of Lace, Nor Deep Pockells, Nor Capes on their Cloaks Nor wide Sleeved Gowns, Nor gathered Skirts Drawn in Youth Like the Vain Practice of the World, Nor Immoderate Length of Vestures, Colours, Nor the Breeches too Strait, Nor Bigg enough Shubuckles.

That Friends be Diligent to Instruct their Children or Youth in these Testimonies, And in want of Such to have the Children Taught at home Not Send them to Such as are not Frds: because of the Danger of being Corrupted with the Hurtfull Conversation of Other Youth or Otherwise.

4. That all Masters and Mistrises of Families be Careful to forbear
threatning and beating their Servants beyond what is Comly and of good
Example Especially in an Angry or hasty Spiritt, which is too often attended
with too much Severity and bitterness, but be in behaviour Loving
unto them, According to that good Advice of the Apostle in Col: 4.1
Masters give unto your Servants that which is Just and Equall
knowing that ye also have a Master in heaven, and in Eph: 6.9. forbearing
threatning knowing that your Master is also in Heaven, Neither is
there Respect of Persons with him.

5. And all as many Servants as are Under the Yoake Count their
own Masters Worthy of all honour that the Name of God and
his Doctrine be not Blasphemed, and they that have believing
Masters Let them Not Dispise them because they are Brethren but
rather do them Service because they are faithfull and Beloved Partakers
of the benefitt, these things Teach and Exhort (said Paul
to Timothy) if any man Teach otherwise and Consent not to
wholesome words, Even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and
to the doctrine which is According to godliness, he is proud knowing
nothing &c 1 Tim: 6.1,2,3,4,5,6.

6. And for as much as all Professing Truth owe Love and Service
to God, ought to Come before him with all Awfullness, Duty &
Consecration &c. to Present themselves before him with Acceptance, and
after being Instructed how to Deport under the Cross
with Patience and Long Suffering, in all Lowliness
and Submission of what has been delivered in word and Doctrine.

It is therefore Recommended that all young People and others
do not Rove to and from Meetings after a sort of a Light
and vain Unstable Manner, but Upon all Occations Especially
Religeous, Let their Moderation and Soberiety Appear unto
all Men.

7. If any Writings in the Name of [illegible] Scripture
and has always been Repugnant to the Antient Testimony of
[illegible] that he have to Concur with what is Truely
[illegible] that is Here or Else where in many
[illegible] then the Second Epistle, But if any Writings Contrary to
the Testimony of Truth they ought to be Proceeded with as
[illegible]

And y^t all Frd^s on Occation of Buriall (or Marriages) whereof ought to be with all Due Sollidity & Sollemnity, be Carefull not to Imitate y^e Unbecoming Practice of y^e World, in Attending y^e Assembly^s Coming together on y^t Occation to Perform y^e Last Duty in Natur. one to Another, with Liquors, or Meats, Steaming as if their Designe were to Feast, & Debaring Suitable Drink for Refreshm^t if need be, and upon all Occations y^e Unnecessary Use of Tobaco be Avoided, and Especially on y^t; that Such Dutys may be Performed, Decently, & in good order becoming y^e Occation.

And y^t all Frd^s be Carefull on Occation of Generall Fast Days, (Called Thanksgivings) and also on Occation of Fast Day^s Prolonged Humiliation, Not to Imitate y^e Common Custom of Refraining their Labour in Husbandry or otherwise but Proceed in their Busines as it falls in Course as if it were another Day, and not in Contempt or only in Opposition but in Sincerity & y^t they do not Shut their Shop doors or Withdraw any part of them, but Endeavor as much as Possible with Conveniency (according to y^e Antient Testimony of Frd^s in Such Occations) and Also in all other things wherein Truths Testamony is or May be Concerned, that they Come up Early and not Flinch or Evade upon Slight Excuses.

Lastly, and Whereas in Each Monthly Meeting, there are or may be Persons both men & women Appointed for to visite y^e Families of Frd^s in Every Particular Meeting, it is Therefore Recommended to them in y^t first of all they Endeavour carefully to Observe, and in their Carefull Enquiry with all Diligence to put in Practice amongst y^e rest for Either Performing Such Service, it is Requisite, that there Meet (by y^e Appointment being for that Except Especially Require Meeting) Visits throughout y^e Families by Such who Except at Least once in y^e Quarter, and to be Performed So as y^t an Account of their Service may be Returned in Writing Under their Hands at Every Monthly meeting Falling out next before y^e Quarterly Meeting and at Every Such Monthly Meeting from Time to Time Called Visitors to Give an Account and Speaking from Experience in Writing an Account of y^e Visits of y^e Quarter thereof with what Remarks

Remarks Hereto y^e Meeting Shall Judge Necessary, and y^t the
Monthly Meeting Receiving & Taking Cognizance thereof Should
from time to Time Draw up or Appoint fitt Persons to Draw up
an Epistle to y^e Quarterly Meeting Signifying y^e Receipt of what
from thence may be Recommended in Writing to y^e Monthly
Meetings; and Also giving an Account of y^e State of their
Love and Continuation of their Christian Endeavors
And y^t Every Such Quarterly Meeting by Epistle To y^e monthly
meetings from Time to Time Recommend y^e Necessary Proceedings
of y^e Meeting w^th what Other Matter they may Think fitt to be
fitt in Practice for y^e Good & Preservation of Truth: and also y^t
Every Quarterly Meeting Falling out next before y^e Yearly meeting
Shall from time to time Draw up an Epistle to be Forwarded to
y^e Yearly Meeting giving an Account of y^e Purity and Prosperity of Truth Amongst them, and y^e Continuation of their
Christian Care & Endeavors for y^e Prosperity of Truth and
of y^e
And y^e Yearly meeting Receiving such Epistles shall
y^e Several Quarterly meetings w^th an Epistle to Each one
giving an Account of y^e Necessary Proceedings of y^e
Meeting, and also Such matter as they
Prosperity of Truth that may be for y^e good and Preservation of all Truth that may be by
Correspondency with one another of
Meetings Pertaining to y^e Yearly Meeting.

And if any Disorderly Truth Should be Practised by and not
Consent to Such Nelson Necessary things or in any other
thing walk Disorderly, y^e Visitors of Every Such meeting w^th
Power Shall Duly Enquire
order as afterwards Dealing with all Proper Endeavors
Love to Reclaiming them then bring them to y^e monthly
Meeting and
Deny them if
Meeting to Condemn it themselves Under their Hands
y^e Show-

The Meeting may Except for Satisfaction & Read y^e Same in the Monthly Meeting for Buisness, But for any Scandalous & Wicked Offence or Obstinate Disorderly Proceedings its Left to the Consideration & Judgment of y^e Monthly Meeting where Such Belong, whether their own Paper of Condemnation may be Sufficient for y^e Clearing of Truth, or whether Fr^d: ought to Draw Up and Signe a Paper of Condemnation against them, and its Left to y^e Judgm^t: of y^e Meeting whether to Read it at a First Day Meeting or to Set it Up Publickly, and Fr^d: ought to Send where Such Offenders are known to Spread, that all Good People may know we have no Fellowship with y^e Unfruitfull Works of Darkness, or Workers thereof, And y^t Every Such Person So Offending Shall not whilst under Judging be Admitted into Meeting for Buisness, nor that when they have given Papers they Shall not be Suddenly Laid hould of So as to Receive them into Communion in Such Meetings But Proceed from Some Space of time Acceptance, and Proof of their Sincerity, that the Wound of the Lords People be healed Slightly.

The Above is what was agreed on for y^e Better Ordering Friends in their Deportment, and Discipline by y^e Last Yearly Meeting held at Newport y^e 14: 4^m^o: 1705. With Some Correction at Our Yearly Meeting for Buisness held at Newport on Rhode-Island y^e 1^st: 7^br 4^m^o: 1709.

At a Generall Yearly meeting Held at Newport on Rhoad Island &c. 9th 10th 11th 12th 13th days of the 11th mo 1704

The 6th day of the week ye morning meeting of ministers & others to Begin at the 8th hour & to Continew Until 10th hour & Adorned Until the next morning at the 8th hour & to Continew Until the 10th hour

Our Generall Yearly meeting of worship Began at the 11th hour and held the 6th 7th & first days of the week the Second day of the week following Being the 13th day of the 4th mo Instant; over meeting of Brotherness & Baptising Being Sat the Generall Quarterly meetings Ajourned Viz.

Rhoad Island Quarterly meeting Thare Represchtatives Edward Thurston; Thomas Cornell Wm Barker; Abraham Anthoney Junr; Jacob Mott Junr; Wm Anthoney Richard Borden, David Irish; Joseph Shaw; John Tucker; Beniamin Hontand; Wm Wood; Jabis Freeborn; Wm Wilkison; Sam Tomslock; Sam Perry; Joseph Hull Junr, Nathan Starbuck Junr

Salem Quarterly meeting Thare Representatives, Jno Collins Thomas Hazard; Sam Gasking; nicolas Trusk; Richard Cooper; Henry Dow; Joshua Perington; Timoth Robinson Peter Varney Richard Eastick; Jacob Mott

Hull & Sandwich Quarterly meeting; ye Representatives Lurt Alling John Rogers; Abraham Cook

It being Proposed at our Last Yearly meeting By the Representatives of Salem Quarterly meeting Conserning Purchasing a piece of Land in Boston to Build a meeting house upon, & the Same was Imployed in the Service hath met with some Difficulty in Building, the house of Timber, But it is Thought Better to Build it of Same with Brick & have Convenient Story of Seven a brick House to amount unto: 350

The Cost of the Land is — 90

The price of the old meeting house to be taken for 180, with Going Rod unto 220

The remainder is 160: which is to be Raised this Yearly meeting Desired by the Representatives of Each Quarterly meeting to take the Same into Consideration to Comence the Same under with it will be Convenient or preparation meetings are to be held in the meeting house at Boston

339 y^e middle of y^e 6^th month next in order y^t they may (if
they see cause) send to our Friends at Pensilvania having
engagement y^t they will doe something to their Relief
Charge

An Epistle Received from our Elder Brethren
from London dated y^e 1708: was Read in our
Yearly meeting to y^e great satisfaction and Comfort of
this meeting

An Epistle Received from our Friends and Brethren
at Burlington in Pensilvania was Read in this meeting &
in answer to our sent to them Concerning a Correspondency
with them which is answered to our satisfaction

A Certificate of y^e Good service our Friend Griffith Owen hath
had in these parts Communicated to our Friends of y^t
Province and also a Certificate of y^e good service our Friend
John Salkeld hath had in these parts & directed to our Friends
at Pensilvania

An Epistle Received from our Quarterly meeting held at
Jeremy on account of y^e sufferings of our Friends in
Scotland & Several other Places & other Matters of y^e
It is thought Regularly to this meeting and unanimously
agreed & Published that y^e first day Evening of
Every meeting shall hereafter become y^e first day of
Our Yearly meeting & that it shall be held at Horsley
meeting house & y^e 6^th 7^th & 1^st Days here already Kept
Islington, Thornhill, and y^e second day following at
Peter for Business & dispatch in y^e Church

A Ministers meeting is Established to be held at Islington
at Three Weeks meetings each y^e 4^th day of y^e week in
y^e morning to begin at y^e 7^th hour when & where y^e next
meeting is held & to continue Yearly

A Quarterly meeting appointed to be held at Pontefract
Castle Thorne Rotherham Doncaster Sheffield
Balby Warmsworth Barnsley Wakefield
Bradford Leeds Pontefract Selby
Yearly meeting

Appointm: with Severall and went a purle and [illegible]
Affiliers to y^e Satisfaction of This meeting and y^t Nathan Anthoney Junr with Ebenezer Slocumb shall record y^e Same in y^e Yearly Book and Send Copys to y^e Several meetings for y^e Better more mutuall Satisfaction Ins[illegible]
Sandwich & Affiliate Quarterly meeting Being Called Appeares Abraham Booth^s Suffering Imprisonment for not paying John Robinson^s Priest maintainance By a Rate Levied on him By John Holmes (Constable) for 1-10-11 of Duxbery Sandwich meeting Desires to have a ministers meeting Setled at Sandwich to Begin at y^e 8^th hour on y^e first day^s of the week Yearly meeting in y^e morning, Being y^e 6^th day^s of y^e week^s at Thear meeting Howse

and also a ministers meeting Stablished at Affiliate on y^e Sixth day^s Being, y^e first day^s of Thear Yearly meeting of worship at Thear new meeting house to Begin at y^e 8^th hour in y^e morning

Ebenezer Slocumb & Tho: Rodman are Desired to Draw up an Epistle of Love to our Friends at Pensilvania and Present y^e Same By Order

Michael Wickison & Jacob Mauran are Appointed to Draw up an Epistle to Send to y^e Several Quarterly meetings Giving an Account of y^e necessary Proceedings of this meeting to be Signed By Thomas Rodman

Richard Borden & Thomas Cornell are appointed to wait on his Excellency Governor Lindsey a Salutation of Respect and Kindness from this meeting & his Severall Friends and Kindreds from Thence

Other Friendes

This meeting Ends in Love, Adjourns Intirely to y^e Yearly Time and place appointed

At a Generall yearly meeting held at Newport on Rhode Island &c 5th day 10th mo 1710

The 5th day of ye week ye 1st yearl meeting of worship Began at Portsmouth ye 6th day in ye morning ye ministers meeting began & appointed to Begin at ye 8th hour and Continued Until ye 10th hour & then adjourned to ye next morning at ye 8th hour & Continued Until ye 11th hour ye meeting of worship Began &c

ye 7th day at ye 8th hour by adjournment ye ministers meeting began and Continued Until ye 10th hour and by adjournment ye 11th hour ye meeting of worship began

1st day ye meeting of worship began at ye 10th hour and Continued Until past ye second hour & by appointment friends dined after noon meeting began & Continued Until about ye 6th hour

2d day following at ye 8th hour ye ministers meeting began by adjournment and also a meeting of ye Overseers of ye Lamoneys worship from all Quarters at ye Same time & Continued Until ye 11th hour &c Then Began ye Quarterly meeting of Business Concerning ye Affairs of ye Church & discipline

The Quarterly meeting of Representatives are Tho: Thomas Ebenezer Slocumb Jacob Mott Jun. Wm Barker Tho: Cornell Anthony Richard Borden Tho: Cornell Jun. Joseph Tew Jun. Wm Tew Jun. Wm Gamlock John Tucker Wm Rodman Eliazer Slocumb Thomas Jun. Tew Jun. Wm Tew, Joseph Mott Jun. Nathan Gardiner & Nathan Barker

Quarterly meeting ye Representatives are Peter Dobson Jun. Thomas Dobson, Thomas Dexter John Hoxe Richard Davis Francis Mitchell removed Joshua Pierpont Robert Pursey Jun. Wm Harris Timothy Robinson & John Lenney

Sandwich quarterly meeting, The Representatives Were John Wing Stephen Hayden Abraham Booth & Jacob Mott

Representatives from Rhode Island Quarterly meeting present also a Representative Concerning weighting ye yearly meeting Relinquished to Request Assistance in Raising money Finishing ye meeting ye meeting house at Boston, The Representatives Ebenezer Slocumb, Jacob Mott Jun. Thomas Cornell are appointed to Attend ye Quarterly Meeting and to inform them that there is still wanting by Computation about two hundred pounds to finish the said meeting house and ye Several monthly meetings now are Desired to Pay in their Collections, for ye Same as now Received according to former Encouragement

Decr. 27, One hundred pounds Received of ye meeting,

Jan. 1st Received of Jacob Mott Jun. of Boston, in money

Jan. 2d Received of Jacob Mott Jun. of Boston, in money

Jan. 3d Received of Jacob Mott Jun. of Boston, in money

Jan. 4th Received of Jacob Mott Jun. of Boston, in money

[illegible] Thomas Rotman by the first opertunaley
It is agreed at this meeting y^t all friends who inline to marry a
monyers, doe acquaint y^e Respective meeting of theire Intent
ons two days of orril to y^e monthly meeting
This meeting being straight neck for time to doe the buisness y
it one this days doe therefore agrod y^t y^e meeting for Business
begin one the 7^th day of y^e weeks at 9^th houre after noone with
y^e members of Each meeting are Desired to Attend.
It being Proposed to this meeting that y^e first days morning meet
in y^e yearly meeting time might begin at y^e ninth houre in y^e morn
ing; it is y^t they are doe an Evening meeting one y^e same days to begin
at y^e 4^th houre after noone, wch is Referred to y^e next yearly meetin
to doe Concluded on
an Epistle from y^e Quarterly meeting at Salem Read wch was
friends Satisfaction, & ancient of the Sufferings of friends of
Lynn, brought into this meeting, Read and ordered to be Recorded
to Thomas Leach & Abraham Anthoney Jun^r who are desired to Record the
same
Abraham Anthoney Jun^r & Tho Leach are Appointed to Examine
y^e accounts they are of y^e Sufferings of friends and to Rec
same in y^e new Book of Sufferings ocasioned for that purpose
Hamton meeting did not present any Sufferings since
last meeting
An Epistle from y^e Quarterly meeting at Sandwich Read at
this meeting & was to friends Satisfaction
The Sufferings of some friends at Sandwich 24^mo 4^th Duxbery and
Scituate ward Read and delivered to Abraham Anthoney Jun^r to
be Recorded in y^e book of Sufferings
There was two Epistles from y^e yearly meeting at Boston Read
this meeting to y^e Satisfaction & Enjoyment of the meeting
An Epistle from this meeting to y^e yearly meeting at Boston R
ordered & Signed by order of y^e meeting By Elinor Thomas
Is Thomas Rotman
It is left upon Abraham Anthoney Jun^r Thomas Leach & Tho
are appointed to Draw up an Epistle to the Quarterly
Meetings with the Several Resolves & proceedings of this meeting
and send one to Each meeting as Soon as can with convenien
for it is Signed by the Thomas
Thomas Pole a Travelling friend coming to this meeting with
Certificate from Thro
meeting of Quarterly Epistle by friends (members of this meeting

Copy sent to Barbadoes

At our Generall yearly meeting held at Portsmouth in Portsm
in Rhoad Island, y^e 9: 10: 11 & 12 — days of y^e 11^th mo 1710.
Being informed by our ffriends Joseph Smith, y^e ffriends —
Barbados, haue Collected some money, and purpose to erect
y^e building of a meeting house at Boston Thomas Redman &
Abraham Anthony Jun^r are desired to write to John Groves &c
y^e Same to Bee shipped for Rhoad Island and consigned to Thomas
Redman By y^e first Opportunity —

John Groves: Rhoad Island, y^e 2^d of y^e 1^st mo^th 1710

Loving ffriend, y^e above is a Copy of our yearly meet-
ings mind and accordingly was haue directed this to Rhod
in order y^t y^e may communicate y^e same to ffriends of y^e
monthly meeting signifieing y^t Rhoad Island yearly inc
ye are a work in Building a meeting house in Bos
ton and our faithfull ffriends haue Incouraged many
for Rhoad Island money to y^e Building with, w^ch will
be of a good Succour; &c — Wee y^t Mutual ffriends desire
to send one this occation is desired may be shipped
for Rhoad Island, and consigned to Thomas for y^e
use above Said Desiring thy Assistance with
the rest of ffriends there in y^e Affair which we
have much at heart — —

Signed By order & in behalfe
of our Yearly meeting

Abraham Anthony

It is thought necessary y^e ffriends Receive the Same
by two Vessells

[illegible] Yearly Epistle to ye Brethren at Rhode Island 1710

To our Dearly Beloved Friends and Brethren at their Yearly
[illegible] meeting in London

From our Yearly meeting at Newport on Rhead Island the ninth
10th 11th & 12th days of ye fourth month 1710

Dear Friends and Brethren

We salute you with unfained love in ye unity and fellowship
of our Lord Jesus Christ the great Shepard of Israel who's Love &
Care is over his [illegible] Continually over his flock & Family, all
ye world over, and it is our desire that all who profess to be the sheep of
his fould may approve themselves to be such By following him in
the ways of self denyall

We send unto you these from ye Yearly meeting at London & also the meet-
ing at Oxford, from ye 2d days morning meeting Booth for ye years 1709; wherein
we were truly comforted & consolated therein
with not only to hear of ye unity of the Brethren & prosperity
of truth in ye nation But also to find you so earnestly concerned for
the Rising Innovation among ye Indians & Foreign parts which ye [illegible] there
was [illegible] Caution worthy to be removed with the [illegible]
of God and ye you have a share in ye Remembrance of
Elders in Christ were their Love Bonds, obliged in ye Love of truth to
give you in the following acco;

That our Yearly meeting has been favoured with the presence, and all
its [illegible] presence of the Lord God, who hath Enabled many of us
[illegible] to come up faithfull & Living [illegible] to the Settling [illegible]
to ye Honour & Joy and Encouragement [illegible] the
Lord, of Generation to Generation, Wee have from ye several monthly & [illegible]
Record, of ye prosperity of Truth, unity of Friends [illegible]
Love and Order, one with another [illegible]
[illegible] & Care of the Church, known by us, and all [illegible]
[illegible] by the unity of the Spirit

And in the meeting that ye Life [illegible] sufferings
in the account of Christ Ruler [illegible]
Shall endeavour to Keep Exact acco; & in due Season Transfer ye same to
you Some of our Friends in ye Government at Boston,
[illegible] for Refusing to Bear arms, and Several of Nation of [illegible]
[illegible] Election of Governor &c on Lords Day, they have been
[illegible] and is our Belief, that Friends by their Quiet
[illegible] Indians in those parts of America, will [illegible]
[illegible] in Money Cases &c, to which [illegible]
us to submit patiently [illegible]
and Consent of his Holy [illegible]
[illegible] and that we may [illegible]
[illegible] not only [illegible]

Generation, but to worship Him and serve Him with that
Reverence & Fear as may be acceptable unto Him
& to Them for all his Mercy and Blessings to Renew Thanks-
giving and Prayers for the same is worthy now & for ever
To salute you once more in the Love of Truth & in it Remain
Your Friends & Brethren

Signed By Order and on Behalf
of our said Yearly Meeting by

Ebenezer Stevens
Tho Redman

At a Generall Yearly meeting held for ye Ile
and Newport in Rhoad Island ye 7:8:9:10:11th of ye 11th m 1711

The 5th day of ye week ouer meeting of worship began at
Portsmouth ye 6th day in ye morning, ye ministers meeting appoynted to begin at ye
8th hour and Continewed vntill ye 10th hour and then Adiorned
vntill ye next morning at ye 8th hour & ye 11th hour ye meeting of worship
began: & ye 7th day at ye 8th hour By a Jorment ye ministers meeting
Began & Continewed vntill ye 10th hour & Adiorned, at ye 11th hour ye meeting
of worship Began — ye first day ye meeting of worship Began
at ye 10th hour and Continewed vntil Aboute ye 2 hour & at ye 4th hour
Ouer After noone meeting Began w^ch Continewed vntill about
the 6th hour ye Second day following ye Ministers meeting
Began By a Jorniall at ye 8th hour and Also a meeting of Overseers
of worship & Testimoney from all Quarters at ye Same Time w^ch Con-
tinewed vntil ye 11th hour &c — and then Began ye meeting for Bu-
siness Consarning ye Affaires of ye Church & Discipline viz^t

Newport Island Quarterly meeting was Called Their Representation
are viz^t Ebenezer Stoumb, W^m Barker, John Hewlett, Stevan-
ham Anthony Jun^r, Jacob Mott Jun^r W^m Anthony, Joseph White
Joseph Haus, John Peckum, John Tucker, John Lapum, W^m
Hobo W^m Wilkinson Joseph Smelt, Sam^ll Cumstock, Sam^ll
Perry, & Jabez Green —

Salem Quarterly meeting, Their Representatives were Thomas
Waller Phillips, Tho^s Richardson, Jonathan Buf-
fum; Jacob Morrell, John Hanson; W^m Harper

Falmouth Quarterly meeting, Their Representatives were
John Pingy & Thomas Howland —

The Friends appoynted in ye right of ye yearly meeting of
Friends at Philadelphia & they have Ouer a one hundred pounds
towards ye Building ye meeting house at Boston: John Wanton
W^m Wilkinson are appointed to receive the Recknings &c
&c — ye Trustees of Building ye meeting house at Boston, and make
Report to this meeting, The Friends Appointed to Inspect the Buildings
according to appointm^t of ye last meeting — Doth Consent to
on, This meeting Doth Judge that ye first day of ye week in the
yearly meeting time, ye ye meeting Begin at ye 10th hour in ye
morning and after noone meeting Begin about ye 4th hour
An Epistle from Rhode Island yearly
meeting was Read: & next week Consideration ye affair of ye Society
of Friends an Epistle Received from Sam^ll Collings Waller Rich-
ardson, & Thomas Richardson; of ye Charge of Building Boston meeting
house John Wanton & W^m Wilkinson; after Examination of said

Rec[d] [illegible] Report to this meeting y[e] Heavy Remaines
[illegible] from Salt & friends to this meeting [illegible] Some of Stanley
Eight pounds Seaven Shillings & 8[d] y[t] is to Say when all is
Receieved / The Effects Sent from friends of Barbados
Building Boston Meeting house being ord[d] into y[e] hands of
Abraham Anthony Sen[r] & the rest in the hands of
acco[t] thereof to this meeting, & there Remaines in the hands
the Some of Thirty pounds, / This meeting Orders John Stanton Sen[r]
& Tho[s] Each, to Receieve the Som; with y[e] Some yet Resting in y[e] hands
& Sam[l] Collings Walter Newberry & Tho[s] Richardson and there with
discharge John: Stanlons Bond for money Taken on Intrest Being
for Service of the house, being about fifty pounds & what Remains
of the money, to Rest in y[e] hands of Walt[r] Newberry & Thomas Richardson
for acco[t] & Service of y[e] Yearly meeting / The Propriety of Boston meet-
ing house Resteing now in Sam[l] Collings & Tho[s] Richardson it is Ordered that
they make Conveyance thereof to Seaven friends according to y[e] Con-
stitution; approved among friends, to wit: to; Richard Eustis Walter New-
berry Joseph Boyes, Robert Buttum; & Benj[a] Hawk[s] Tho[s] Farrar Jun[r]
Roeman / An Epistle from y[e] Yearly meeting of friends held
in Burlington in y[e] 7[th] mo 1710 was Read & Read to our Entire
Satisfaction / Benj[a] Norcum & Tho[s] Roeman & Jacob Mott Junr
are desired to draw up an Epistle to y[e] Insewing Yearly meeting of friends
in their name according to this Consideration, & to Signe y[e] Same
in behalfe of this meeting / It is advised y[t] friends of Each Quar-
terly take & keep Exact accounts of such Sayings of Lying friends
as may be thought Convenient & Serviceable, to bring before y[e]
Quarterly meeting y[t] they may be by y[e] Yearly meeting better Settled
the 6[th] day of y[e] week may be on y[e] 5[th] day & y[e] ministers meeting on y[e]
Seventh day may Begin one y[e] 6[th] day & to begin at y[e] first hour after
Mr. Boyle from Sandwich his meeting was Read giving acco[t] of y[e] state
of his Service there; they also Received from Sudbury, what was Read
& Received / an Epistle from y[e] Yearly meeting at London held
1710. was Read to our Satisfaction & Several the Good Admonition
in y[e] same / Recommended to our Several meetings / The Executors of
Anthony Morris; Tho[s] Shakel & Richard Ireman, Given in a Writing
to this meeting was Read to our Satisfaction, & the Roeman & the Lower
desired to draw up Letters of Cre[dit] for each of them & y[e] Roeman to Signe y[e] same
at this meeting / Benj[a] Norcum & Tho[s] Roeman & Jacob Mott Junr are appointed
by y[e] Yearly meeting at London to Signe y[e] Same in behalfe of this meeting
an Epistle of Tho[s] Edmanson to y[e] meeting of friends at Salem to be Read at Every
Quarterly meeting of friends (the same to be an Epist[le] from this meeting to y[e] Quar[t] meeting of
an acco[t] of y[e] Necessary Proceedings as Richard Rowland & Tho[s] Lucas above
And Money Sent to be Signed By Tho[s] Roeman to Each of y[e] meetings / As formerly

From ye Yearly meeting held on Rhode Island
ye 7th to ye 11th days of ye 4th mo 1711
To ye Dear Friends and Elder Brethren at the
Yearly meeting in London —

Dear Friends & Brethren —

In ye precious Unity and Fellowship and
Communion ye is in ye Blessed Truth as it is instyled over and
doth overlyingly abound to Each and every Soule to-
you according to ye measure) being sensible of ye great
Consern and Care ye Lord in his great wisdom hath layed upon
you, for ye prosperity and Increase of his Truth and welfare
of his Church and people Every where that all may Be kept
in and Savory & in ye Power and ye Unity & Charity may
be preserved and maintained in all ye Churches of Christ —

Dear Friends now and Bound in duty to send you
Greeting from ye Quarterly Meeting in our
Island, ye through, ye Continued mercy and
God; now have had a very large and Comfortable
meeting; ye Shadows with ye glorious Majesty of ye
gracious God, to ye Comfort Edifying & Building up in our
most Holy Rock Christ Jesus; being daily supplyed with ye pure
Weighty, Precious & Savoury, by ye ministry of Some by
those ye Lord hath Been pleased to Raise up, to many Hundreds
and Stop ye mouth of gainsayers, as well Professors also
to Comfort and Edify ye Unconvinced who now may
you know, Besids from you By Epistles & Messengers &
much writing and will be Kindly received & for in some
places there is great need of Faithful Labourers, being much
opposed in Boston Rhode Island & several other places;
We have received from several Quarterly meetings
by Epistles, ye good and Comfortable Account of Truth
Enlarged and Increasing, and ye work of Regeneration
Gathering is going on; Our Dear Friends in ye
Eastern parts, who are in great Danger by ye Barbarous
Heathen, daily killing and murdering people in those parts
ye Lord hath been pleased hitherto to preserve, ye
Faithful, and ye Friends of Delaware Left their way

By them

[illegible] wch [illegible] many mercyes & favours
[illegible] to yt [illegible] & Lord towards us —
by reason of ye [illegible] & [illegible] yt
[illegible] & [illegible] to bear armes, and also
[illegible] to pay ye Prisbolerian Priests Rates —
[illegible] readily Received, yo printed Epistle from ye Lon
yearly meeting wch was Read, in this meeting to ad
Edification and Satisfaction, tho wee are sorey
yt ou[illegible] did not come to hand but hope wee shall take
[illegible] & yt it may not [illegible] amey more soe with
ye faithfulness of Chr[illegible] before Lord wee the mising yo
friends and Brethren in ye Brickange & to Exhort
them in Gods
ye said meeting

Benjor Shoome
Tho: Shoman
Jacob: Mott Junr

[illegible] & Sd
[illegible] & Sd meeting
was [illegible] into Carolina — & found it
[illegible] & people to bear wch
much need of doing & soe

The Epistle of Wm Edmonson to ffriends in England

Deare ffriends Brethren & Sisters

In a serious & weighty Consideration of ye great & weighty
of Our mens & womens meetings to order & manage matters
ing to gospel Ord in ye Church of Christ to ye honr of God & his blessed
Truth; made manifest to us; ye we may be
in his fear faithfull found in; & Our Light may shine in ye comly
Order these are to; by Our ye travails it brings forth in ye men
ist us the Lords peculiar People; in this ye Generation; to Be ye ex-
ples to Others; as Lights in ye world, & all mens womens meetings need
to have Special God by Care; to see ye all Our Society, keep with
in ye Bounds of Truth, in ye ways of ye Love, to do Justice and
Judgment; as, ye Children & houshold of Abraham; ye the Promis of
ye Blessing to Abraham & his Seed may be upon us & my frien
as; it is no Small Charge ye this Love commails to Our Care of his a
sembly & meetings ye Care of his flock ye preservation of ye Testimony
of Truth, & ye honr of his great & worthy name; so ye it is requi
red necessarily in all ye members both male and female to
Love to have Election; & in what it stands, in male & female strongly
they are all in their places; for ye Service they are to meet
persevere in ye wisdom & Counsel of ye Lord Jesus Christ by
all the virtue of his Spirit & Blessed power; for in this
knows no man but by Spirit of God, in this ye Election stands
& this is ye most skilfull & Ablest Elder, for ye Lord searches all
Hearts, as has hath approved to Every One to his service
& must know ye mens & womens meetings for ye carrying on
his Church was ordered & settled amongst us in ye Authority
ing by ye Appearance of his Spirit & Blessed Power & now commands
Trust & Care of faithfull men & women, to keep
Power of God, in which they were settled, & may
in mercy preserved & Guided, wrighten to men & womens meet
ings for all ye members to Know the Mind of God in
of Ye Lord Jesus Christ & this is ye way & Order
no Church & people, but in this Government, the nations
ual people; come out of Egypt out of a mighty hand of Love
their Lands; the Adults, to Know to
ship; & Ordinances to see ye they Lord ye Lords way, &
Preserve to do Justice & Judgment; under whom
his Household after him ye so mightily wrought for them
promises to Abraham & his Seed, & by us are Enjoyed
mony of Gods Appointing, & known & ye more know men
called for ye Service & the same ye in his Spirit
Church & to be made alive in ye Election
Members of and before him to walk in Judgment &

Reading ye 6th mens & womens meeting, ye 6th not
for that service; having instituted ye more, by reason
of ye want of an one standing ye many times (as yet) long & needless
discourses, which if they kept within ye line of their own gift
& ability of the one nothing might be for service to stand
in their place & edifying in ye body, so ye Regulation is greatly need-
full, of ye members, of ye mens & womens meetings, for ye better ordering the
affairs in ye Church of Christ; & soo much ye more, where such meetings
of great service by ye great alterations & Evasions, if such qualified ones the
Lords members ob instructed shall with, who's ability Reaches to per-
formil, to ye Satisfaction & Comfort of ye Brethren body, faithfull & truly
serving ye Lord in ye ability of his good spirit & power, for my friends, You know ye 6th Ou mens & womens meetings be of great
service as they were followed in ye spirit & power of god, yet some are
of a more large Extent yn Others, as our Provincial are yearly now
sitting for Church Discipline, ye service is of larger extent & more
more general; than ye monthly meetings in ye like service, yet with
ye Quarterly meetings for ye like service of a larger extent
meetings as under whome all ye meetings in ye parts of ye Province
stand-will the Christian duty & ye accomplishment
of the Lords fruits & ye Churches welfare so requires, [illegible]
who saw of severe things & part of ye Counsel of ye meeting to
ye honr of God & Peace of his Church [illegible]
members, desired to answer that ye Lord was mighty in
that good & mighty service about meetings & sittings &
that part of weighty matters & truths in the
all persuasions, yt where ye body of Christ mustt [illegible]
mans judgment: & yt as there is wisdom & discretion in ye manner of
meetings must be minded for edify in ye parts of
all manner of truth & to increase & be for Church
Discipline in things belonging to ye Kingdom & government
of God & ye prosperity of ye Church & all in
ye Lord & general service & necessity members in things
which they are Exercised in for truth & ye
edify which ye ends of faith & persuasion meetings
may answer, that ye Lord may & will be with
meetings & what members soever [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
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From ovr Yearly meeting held at Rhoad Island
Yo 13:14:15:&16th of Yo 4th month 1712
To our Dearly Beloved ffriends & Bretheren in Yo Church of
Christ at Ther Yearly meeting in London —

Dear ffriends & Bretheren —

In Yo ffellowship and near Comunion of Yo Spirit of Truth by
which wee are Baptized into one Holy Body; doe wee at this
time Dearly Salute You; Earnestly Desiring above all things,
That an Increase of ffaith hope & Charity may Bee known and
Injoyed amongst us, and all Yo Churches of Christ Jesus throu
out Yo world; and that there may Bee a unanimous Consern for Carrying
on that Great and Glorious work which our god hath Begunn &
is Carrying on to prosper; As wee have annually given You an
account of the affaires of Truth among us so Think it our Duty
to bee found in the same Practice; and doe hereby Let you Know
that this our Yearly meeting hath been Very Large, and there
the great Love and Continued favor of over gratious God
and Heavenly father, wee have Enjoyed the same with
Unity Disturbance; Yo Spirit of Ranterism which formerly
Interrupted our Love and peace both Members being
Extinguished; and was daily attended with the good presence of
our God; and many Living Testimonys Borne to the Power
ion and Comfort of Gods people as well as by Publick
vessel — By the accounts from the Several Yearly meet
ings wee may Let you Know, that our peace Unity
may is Continued & maintained amongst us & that
and grow in Yo Good work of Discipline and that there
more & more — an Openness in many places to Receive
mony of Truth, — notwithstanding the Endeavors,
are Suffered as a Scourge to the Eastward part of new England and many
of Yo Inhabitants Cut off Yet hath Yo Lord wonderfully preserved
ffriends in those parts, that there hath not one gone by
since our Last Yeares Epistle; Travelling ffriends having
Unity, Visited those parts without the Least harme hitherto
ffriends in Several places since Yo Last Years have Suf
ered pretty Deeply on acct of not paying the Presbeterian
Priests and for their Refusing to Bear Armes an account
of which wee Doe hope with Send. — Wee have not Received
any Epistle from Your Yearly meeting since 1710 — and Desir
ous to bee had in Yo Remembrance in Sending Every
Yearly

monthly meelings Yearly an dists being about Twelve in
all and if ancy Charge theareon or aney affairs Relating to
thes parts wod with take Dare the same to Derrayd
Recomending Yow and ovr selvos to the Great God the good
Shoard of Israell who walketh full Eye and Eard is Continu-
ally Over his flock and family ffeeding and watering them
in Dew Season — to whome ffor all his marcies favors &
Blessings dayly Renewed to Vs, be thanckesgiveing and
praise, world without End amen — wee Remain —
Yor ffriends & Brethren
Signed by order and on behalfe of said meeling — By

Ebenezer Sowmo
Tho: Rooman
Jacob Mott

At our Generall Yearly Meeting held at Oyster Bay in Queens County y^e 12: 13: 14: 15: & 16^th days of y^e 4^th mo in y^e Year 1712

The 5^th day of y^e week being y^e 12^th day of y^e 4^th mo in Land our meeting for worship at our meeting house in Oyster Bay

y^e 6^th day of ye week in y^e morning at our meeting house in oyster bay y^e ministers meeting appointed to begin at y^e 8^th hour & continued until y^e 10^th hour & then Ceased until y^e next morning at y^e 8^th hour and at y^e 11^th hour our Publick meeting for worship Began

y^e 1^st day By Government at y^e 8^th hour in y^e morning y^e ministers meet together and continued until y^e 10^th hour & then y^e meeting for worship began & at y^e 11^th hour y^e meeting for Discipline began

y^e 2^d day our meeting for worship began at y^e 10^th hour and continued about y^e 2^d hour and at y^e 4^th hour our Quarterly meeting began 6^th continued about y^e 2^d days following being y^e 10^th day of y^e 4^th mo 1712 y^e 8 hour y^e ministers meeting By Government began also a meeting of y^e Overseers & worshipful Elders at y^e same time & continued until 11 hour then By Government began our meeting for Business & Overseers & y^e Recorder & Disasters &c

By agreement of y^e Yearly meeting 1710 the meeting for disapproven began on y^e 3^d day of y^e week

The Quarterly meeting Representatives Edward Hicks Edmund Jones Richard Willis Jacob Mott John Wanton Wm Salter Reserved Wm Joseph Wm Richard Borden John Buckley Wm Wood Joseph Smith Sam Cumstock Sam Berry Wm Quarterly meeting there Representatives and Wm Richardson Edmund Haws Sam Allen Wm Frances Miller Wm Harvard Richard Isles Robert Jacob Morrell & James Planner

Salem & Hardwick Quarterly meeting there Representatives John Wing Reuben Harper Thomas Rowland &c Came Together from their Quarterly meeting in Salem and then & there Continued in a Solid Comfortable manner

Several monthly meetings and Visitors were Present in a Solid Comfortable manner Concerning y^e Truth

Recorded

[illegible] and that their meetings since y^e last year have been attended with y^e Lords presence & y^e truth encreased into & mandated

An Epistle from y^e Quarterly meeting of Salem being presented was read, intimating that y^e brotherly & Friendly meeting granted in a former Epistle, as to their meetings dividing y^e Family of Friends, and finding y^e Generality in Love and Unity with one another and no real Inclination anew appearing in y^e Ingathering of Friends notwithstanding y^e many Reconciliations and for y^e Regulating [illegible] that may be thereout of order

A paper Concerning y^e Imprisoning of Peter Rainer & Thomas Kenny of Boston Concerning which being referred to y^e Consideration of this meeting is agreed that both this meeting Friends there take Consideration and direct of Yearly meeting as they shall see convenient and advise & direct

agreed to by Yearly Meeting

have Power or Rates at the ends or over y^e graves of the this meeting adjourns until second day morning at 9 a Clock second day y^e 16^th instant y^e meeting well accordingly — John Hanson handing Receipts money of Thomas Richardson delivered to Friends for the use of Thomas Richardson & Thomas Richardson & Walter Newberry, the sum of Eleven pounds fourteen shillings & 9^d as accounted now brought in Receipts of — Thomas Peaches Bill being in favour Thomas Peirson

Friends of Harmony being about to build a new meeting house, and wanting some assistance this meeting do recommend to y^e several Monthly meetings to be supplied with y^e money laying in y^e hands of Thomas Richardson either in money nails or what else they shall think convenient for to be delivered to him as they shall see occasion for

An Epistle from y^e Quarterly meeting of Hanover in Rhode Island intimating that Friends Generally keep Inclination to Preserve Peace, Maintainance and bearing of Arms — Friends as Sam^l Jones and Thomas Richardson have a Minute to visit meeting & get a Certificate that the meeting have at Boston [illegible]

= same, Inclos are Desired to take Care it be done as Speedily as Can and y^e Conveiance made to proper Friends; Jos: Thompson is Desired to assist y^e abovesd Friends, in geting it Effected.

It is agreed at this meeting that all Sufferings that have been taken after y^e Quarterly meeting, being allowed by Each Monthly meeting is to be presented with the Other Sufferings to this Yearly meeting

The Sum of Sufferings Brought in by Friends of Rhode Island Quarterly meeting, Since y^e Last acco^t amounts to Twenty pounds Six Shillings and 0^d for not Bearing Arms

The Sum of Sufferings brought in from Salem Quarterly meeting on acco^t of the Priests Maintainance amounts to forty one Shillings

The Sum of Sufferings brought in from Sandwich Quarterly meeting Since y^e Last accots amounts to five pounds

Peter Perry and John Kenny of Dover were Imprisoned y^e 3^d 7^br 1711 by y^e Execution of Judgment Under Consideration Entred y^e 1^st 7^br 3^d 7^br 1711 and made at Spruce Creek, for not Bearing Arms, and not Serving y^e Time of Service Required

John Perry of Freetown and Morris Tucker of Dartmouth Imprisoned by y^e said Execution and being in Boston getting Discharged went to Salem where Thomas Chalkley was Come to Salem, and from thence Sayled by force of Contrary Winds to Martinico Island Under y^e Command of Major Robertson who Used him as such that one of y^e aboved Friends Expected every hour when 24 hours after that Hour Returned to Boston was Seen by a Sloop that Came from Virginia

Friends of Barbadoes having Sent Sundry Books Over as to this meeting the same now Brought to this meeting and Distributed to Each Quarterly meeting to Settle Under Consideration Thomas Lodman & Jacob Mott are desired to Draw up an Epistle to y^e Yearly meeting at London and Barnabas Hedge, Thomas Lodman & Jacob Mott are Desired to Draw up an Epistle to y^e Yearly meeting in London

(It is Unanimously)

It is Unanemosly agreed at this meeting that for y^e [illegible]
that Theare be noe Toomb Stones or Rayles at y^e End or [illegible]
the Graues of friends in the aforesd Burying places it not [illegible]
the practis of friends in England Ireland Pensilvania
& other places

John Oxley & Robert Roberts hauing Goon at this ou^r [illegible]
meeting & desiring Certificate they^r and grandson and [illegible]
at this meeting

Thomas Leach & Joshua Easton are Desired to draw vp an
Epistle to y^e seuerall Quarterly Meetings

A Lr Epistle from this meeting was Read to the
Yearly meeting & Soon was Read and [illegible]
Ordered to be signed by the aforesd friends

An acco^t Reced from Daniel Pinner Rud Rowsell & Richard
of y^e Building a Boston meeting house John Hanlon
Wilkison, was appointed to Examine y^e same who reported
that [illegible] theare is yet Remaining
due friends to this meeting the some of £38.7.8 y^t is to
when all is Received

The Heels sent from friends of Burlington
Boston meeting house being Ordered into the hands of Jonathan
Dickinson who hath in Obedience thereto Received the
y^e Yearly meeting & hath Remaining in his hands
some of £30.

This meeting Ord^s John Hanlon Gun^t & Thomas Leach to Receive
the same with y^e Doms yet Owing in y^e hands of
Walter Newberry & Tho Richardson & Interest
John Hanlons Bond for money taken one Interest for the
y^e house being about £50 and what Remains of the
y^e is left in y^e hands of Walter Newberry & Thomas Richar
for acco^t & seruis of y^e Yearly meeting

The Proprietors of Boston meeting house Residing now in
Philadelphia & Jno Richardson it is Ordered, that they meet
Conuenient theare of to Receive friends according to the
Direction aforesaid among friends, viz and bring Richard
Gibbs Walter Newberry Joseph Boyce Robert Burnyeat
Benjamin Starr & Thomas Farrar, & John Roman
this meeting adjourned to y^e next Yearly time & place

At our Generall Yearly meeting held at Rod Island
and Newport on Rhoad Island y^e 11: 12: 13: 14: 15 dayes
the 4^th month 1713

y^e 5^th day of y^e week Being y^e 11^th of 4^th m^o Began our
meeting of worship at Portsmouth y^e Sixth day
in y^e morning at Newport y^e 8^th hour our meeting of
ministers Began and Continued Until y^e 11^th hour
and Then adjorned to y^e next morning at y^e 8^th hour
and at y^e 11^th hour at our meeting house in Newport
our meeting of worship Began at y^e 11^th hour

y^e 7^th day at y^e 8^th hour our meeting of ministers Began
& Continued Until y^e 10^th hour and Then adjorned Until
y^e next Second day morneng y^e 8^th hour the 7^th day of y^e week
at y^e 11^th hour our meeting of worship Began & in y^e
after noone our meeting for Buisines according to
Began & y^e Several Quarterly meetings Settled Viz
Rhode Island Quarterly meeting Settled The above Rep
resentatives are Ebenezer Slocomb Jacob mott Wm
Anthoney John Wanton Thomas Richardson Joseph
Hull: Junr Jabis Green Benjamin Burton Joseph
Smith Sam^ll Cumstock John Tucker Wm Wodell Stephen
Wilcocks Nathan^ll Starbuck Junr
Salem Sam^ll Collins Richard Anstis Walter Newberry
James Purington Wm Hanford
Pettuckate & Sandwich John Walker Wm Wodell
This meeting adjorned Until y^e 2^d day morneng y^e 13^th
at y^e 10^th hour

The first day Being y^e 14 of y^e month at y^e 10^th hour our
morneng meeting of worship Began Wm Rod Continued
& ended y^e 2^d hour & our after noone meeting Began at
y^e 4^th hour & held Until at ended y^e Sixth hour

y^e 2^d day of this week & 15^th of y^e month our meeting of
of ministers by adjornment met at y^e 8^th hour and held
Until y^e 11^th hour after which Began our Yearly
meeting of Buisines according to adjornment y^e last
7^th day Friends of y^e Last Yearly meeting; haveing given y^e
y^e money Remaneng in Thomas Richardson & Walter Newbe
every pound being Eleaven pounds Seventeen Shillings y^e
Shall be delivered or payed to John Wing in behalf
of Friends of Yar mo^th towards Building a new
meeting house Thear, which Every payes by y^e

of 3 nd & truly to Sam[ll] Barker for the above Service
Thomas Richardson & Walter Newbery are Discharged
from y[e] said Some of Eleaven pounds Seaventeen shil-
ings & 9[d] This meeting thinck it proper to make (hereby)
of Thomas Leach as Treasurer to this meeting Ordering
him to defray all nesasarey Charges y[t] may arise at
any Time out of y[e] money Left in his hand[s] for y[e]
said friends his Bill for Fourteen pound six shillings
& 9[d] which Bill being delivered & the above Sum
of £14: 0: 9: Still Remaining in y[e] Hands of y[e] above
Thomas Leach to See Disposed of for y[e] above Service,
with the advice of Thomas Rodman John Wanton
& Thomas Richardson.

The Epistle from Rhoade Island Quarterly meeting
being Read Intimating that friends do generally live
in peace & Love amongst themselves & that they are
Incouraged to go forward in the way of truth
the Judgment of this yearly meeting being desired
whether it be agreeable to truth for friends when
called to give Evidence before authority to hold up
a hand in Confirmation of y[e] Evidence w[ch] being
considered it is Unanimously agreed that there
is not ought not to be no such practice among
friends, nor for any friends now those under y[e] Care
of friends, one the like Occation, to take of their hat
or uncover them Selves /

Several Sufferings being brought into this meeting
belonging to Rhoade Island Quarterly Meeting the Same
were read approved of & delivered to Thomas Rich-
ardson who is appointed to Record the Same & all oth-
Sufferings in the new Books for y[e] purpose after they
are Approved by the Several monthly & Quarterly
meetings / an Epistle from Salem Quarterly meet-
ing being Brought in was read Intimating friends liv-
in Love & Unity and it being proposed from Dover
Theare Building a new meeting house Theare- whi-
friends of that meeting not being able to carry
without assistance Hand applyed themselves to
meeting wherein it is agreed by the Several repre-
sentatives of Rhoade Island Quarterly meeting that
Rhoade Island Quarterly meeting will supply the
with twenty pounds for the Incouragement of
encouraging on

Carrying on ye ffor meeting house

Friends of Boston having an opertunaley to Buy a Small
Peice of Land adioyning to theare meeting house Doeseth
theare monthley meeting have Liberty to Purchase the
Same outt of ye money Remaining in ye hands of Rach
Newberry who is desired to render an acct theareof &
what has been payed him one that acct Since ye Last
acct was madge at the last Yearly meeting to ye next Yearly
meeting //

an Epistle from Sandwich Qvarterly meeting was
Read Intimating ye friends had been Carefull to
Visit ye ffamylies of friends & having brought
in Several Testimonys the Same are delivered to
Thomas Richardson to be Recorded //

The Epistle from our ffriends at theare Yearly meet
ing in Oyson in ye Yeare 1712 was read among ys to
our mutuall Comfort and the Same Recommended
ye advice theain to ye Several Qvarterly meetings

The Epistle from ffriends of Pensilvania at their
Yearly meeting at Burlington was read to friends
Satisfaction onely they Intimate theare not Recei
ving the Epistle from our Last Yearly meeting wch
happened through theare to Late, ffriends are desired for
the ffuter to take Care that all Epistles to any Yearly
Meeting may be Sent in Season; and not omitted
to ye Very Last Least theare happen ye Like disappointm
John Hanlon Ephraim Hicks & Thomas Peach
Desired to draw up Epistles to ye Several Qvarterly
meetings and to take Care to forward them & Sign
them in behalfe of this meeting

Ebinezer Stedman Thomas Rodman Jacob Mott &
Thomas Richardson are desired to draw up an
Epistle to ye Yearly meeting of London also one
to ye Yearly meeting to Be held at Philadelphia
and to Signe them in behalfe of this meeting
Adiorned to ye next Yeare at ye Same Time & place

ffrom our Yearly Meeting held at Rhode Island the —
11, 12, 13, 14 & 15th Days of the 4th mo 1713
To our beloved ffriends & Elder Brethren in Christ att the
next Yearly meeting to be held in London.

Dear ffrds: In a deep sence of ye Universall & unchangeable love
of our great & good God throug his son our Blessed Lo
and Saviour Jesus Christ unto the workmanship of his hand
do we at this time Dearly Salute you earnestly desireing a
with grounded ffaith believeing ye he will & is about to carry
on his own work and Establish his righteous Kingdom more
& more in the hearts of the Children of men and Exalt hi
own Mountain on the top of every mountain.

Dear ffriends, According to our Annual custom & Duty w
Hereby may let you know ye through ye continued Goodnes
and favour of our gracious & heavenly Father we have once
more Enjoyed a quiet, large & comfortable meeting to the g
satisfaction & encouragement of the honest hearted. [illegible]
The Lord having Powerfully day after day to Manifest him
self by his Divine power and open us by his solaceing pres
among us and in his Authority were several weighty & Savou
able Testimonys Borne for which with his many other favour
and Mercys extended to us his poor disposed People, Holy pur
and humble Thankgiveing through contrite soules Ascribed to hi
great & holy name.

According to accounts brought in from the several Qua
terly meetings we understand there is a good concern on the
minds of ffriends in many places for the Spreading of Truth &
that Unity peace & Love is maintained in a generall way
among ffriends.

And as we have some times past acquainted you of the dee
impressions of Sadness of the Eastern parts of our Country
have been under on account of the Barbarous Heathen — &
that our ffriends in some Sence have Suffered with them, We may
now Advise that that Enmity is much abated if not over since a
peace is concluded between the Nations, more having Suffred by
them this Summer so that there now seems a greater Opportunit
& Openess in those parts for Travelling ffriends to have meetings
then formerly.

Since our last Yearly meeting some ffriends have Suffred in divers
parts for refusing to take Oaths & to pay Rates to the Presbyterian Ministry
maintainance the Account whereof is Intended herewith. We have re
Several Printed Epistles of your last Yearly Meeting in 1712 one of
which was Read at this Meeting to our Refreshment & Comfort and
[illegible] the Contents thereof [illegible]
Records to our last Yearly Epistles agreed

money also received by way of Boston a large parcel of ffrd books which understand y^e our ffriends Walter Newberry & Thomas Story are your gift to us do kindly accept them & have made distribution thereof among ffriends And I believe many of them will be of good service amongst us.

We shall not add but with the Salutation of Reguited Love remelled and remain your ffriends & Brethren according to our Measures in the Elected Seed.

Signed by order & in behalf of s^d Meeting

By Ebenez^r Slocumb
Tho: Rodman
Jacob Mott
Tho: Richardson

From our Yearly meeting held on Rhoad Island from the 11^th to the 15^th of the 4^th m^o 1713

To our beloved ffriends and Brethren at their next yearly meeting to be held in Philad^a We tenderly salute you in a measure of that Universall & unchangeable Love which it hath pleased the Lord at this time to manifest unto us, greatly desireing the increase thereof and the prosperity of Truth throughout all the family of the Earth. Dear ffriends we rec^d your Epistle of Love from your last yearly meeting at Badington which was red amongst us and it is matter of Joy and comfort to us to hear the good report you give of Truths prosperity and of the peace & Unity y^t is mantained amongst you and pray the Lord if it be his holy will to increase and Diffuse the same more & more in a Universall manner in all his Churches throughout the world to his own glory & honour & comfort of his People. We may also say in our Mile & Sin that through the continued goodness & favour of our heavenly father this Meeting hath been large & peaceable & in an Ensuant manner honoured with the Heart tendering presence & power of our gracious Lord to the Incouragement & Consolation of the honest hearted and may also let you know y^t by Acc^ts rec^d from our several quarterly meetings wherein ffriends are generally in a very good degree of peace and love & y^t Truth reigns in diverse places in these parts. The Epistle also of the several ffrd from your parts have been comfortable & kindly received by us. We are sorry our last Epistle to you did not reach your Yearly meeting but hope this will come to hand by w^ch you may see our exercises about not writing sooner, having for we can assure you it is not for want of desire to hear of your prosperity & welfare in y^e Blessed Truth we intended. May a sense of the great goodness & mercies of our God unto his Children & people rest on & engage our hearts to love Him & Serve Him more & more before Him in the Holiness of our Lives

(Turn Over)

[illegible] worthy of due Reverence fear & honour you
do remain as Saith the Scripture of
Your ffriends & Brethren
Signed on behalf & by Order of the Meeting
By Edmd Slocum
Tho Rodman
Jacob Mott
Pet. Coutrandes

At ou^r Generall yearly meeting held at Portsm^th in Rhoad Island y^e 10^th: 11: 12: 13: 14^th days of y^e 4^th m^th: 1714

y^e 5^th day of y^e week being y^e 12^th of y^e 4^th m^th: ou^r meeting of worship Began at portsm^th meeting house

y^e 6^th day of y^e week also ou^r meeting house at newport Began ou^r ministers meeting appoynted aly^e 8^th hou^r & aly^e 11^th hou^r ou^r Publick meeting of worship Began

y^e 7^th day of y^e week By adiornm aly^e 8^th hou^r in y^e morneng y^e ministers madagayns and Continewed Until y^e 10^th hou^r and then adcorned Until y^e next second day morneng aly^e 8^th hou^r y^e 7^th day of y week aly^e 11^th hou^r ou^r meeting of worship in y^e after noone ou^r meeting of Guiynes according to agroment Began, and y^e Generall Quarterly meetings Called Theare Representatives are—

Rhoad Island quarterly meeting Coniers Sheareman Jacob mot Thomas Corner Thomas Richerson Joseph Pain David Irish Joseph Smith Sam^ll Comstock John Freeborn Wm Wood nathan^ll Starbuck Jon^a Joseph Stead Jun^r Nicholas Davis Jabez Green Benjamin Barton Jun^r Richard Borden

Salem Richard Eustis Robert Burgum Sam^ll Gorton Wm Hartford Jacob Morett Thomas Chalkee and Walter Newberry

Sandwich Plesham Heaven present—

The Epistle from Rhoad Island Quarterly meeting was Read The Epistle from Salem meeting was Received & Read & Several things Recommended to this yearly meeting, The Epistle from Quarterly meeting was Received & Read

an Epistle from Philadelph yearly meeting was brought in and Read acknowledging y^e Receipt of our last yearly meeting Epistle;

The Epistle from y^e yearly Melling of London was Read heard to y^e Consolation of friends, the good advice therein Recommended to y^e Several Quarterly & monthly meetings

Richard Borden & Thomas Richerson are desired to Examin the accounts Walter Newberry hath brought in relating to the meeting house Lands in Boston & bring the same to this

meeting next second day with these things Theare
This meeting desiers Ebenezer Storer & Thomas Hodgson
Jacob Mott & Thomas Richardson and Walter Newberry
to draw up an Epistle to the Yearly meeting at London
and present y^e same to the meeting next Second day for
approbation:
This meeting adjournes Vntill next Second day y^e 14^th Inst.
at y^e 11^th hou^r in y^e morning ——
The 14^th day This meeting Meet according to adiornment
It is agreed at this meeting that Theare be ~~held~~ a
Yearly meeting held at Swansey one y^e Second and first
day of y^e ninth month to begin between the eleaventh
& twelfth hou^rs
it is agreed that theare be a new meeting house built
at Salem; to Contain forty foot in length thirty foot
in breadth with convenient Roofe
This meeting desiers y^e Representatives of Each Quarterly
meeting to leave it to theare ~~monthly~~ Quarterly meetings
meetings as usual Each meeting with Regard
& reservation towards Breeding y^e same and to desire
it be thomas Richardson of Newport & Walter Newberry
of Boston:
It is also agreed that theare be speedily a deed made
of the two peices of Land belonging to Friends in Boston
and this meeting doe think it proper y^t Jethro Bufum
Joseph Joyce Robert Bufum Matthew Eusly Jun^r & Walter
Newberry, be desired to take Care it be done as Law in
be inacted in y^e said deed Walter Newberry is desired
to take Care it be drawn and signed as soone as it Can
with Conveniency be done
Walter Newberry having brought in an Accompt
of the last Purchase of y^e peice of Land of Wm Mumford &
Ballance of money delivered is 22: 14: 2 they Examine
& Richard Borden & Thomas Richardson which this meeting
orders to be payed him Eighteen pounds by Rhoad Island
Quarterly meeting - five pounds by Sandwich & Salem
Quarterly meeting Equally divided y^e Remaining £2: 14: 2
Walter Newberry freely gives as his proportion —
The perticulate of our worthy friends Thomas Hodgson
James Dickson, from y^e meeting to where they have a long
way to Travell Signifying their Inability with Theare Conve-
-niency to Attend this meeting by reason of their Extream Poverty

y^e other side

This meeting Nomin John Borden John Locker Thomas Ellis
Wm Anthony Joseph Smith & Thomas Richardson to draw
Certificates for Ct ffriends Thomas Willson & James
Dickison, Signifying Our Unity with them & theire —
Service amongst them & Signe the same in behalfe of this
meeting against their Return from visiting ffriends
in these parts //
John Easton & Wm Anthony is desired to search & make
Inquiry after ye Yearly Epistles from London to ye Yearly
meeting, & take Care ye they be Recd together and Carefully
Kept to be looked into as occasion may Require — — —
the Several Quarterly meetings are desired to take the Like
Care of what Epistles may Come to them — — — —
Ebenezer Hoskins Thomas Rodman Jacob Mott & Thomas
Richardson are desired to draw up an Epistle to the
Yearly meeting at Philadelphia and Signe ye Same in
behalfe of this meeting —
This meeting appoints Thomas Ellicott Thomas Richardson
and John Easton Junr to draw up Epistles to ye Several
Quarterly meetings and Signe ye Same in behalfe of this
meeting —
an Epistle to ye Yearly meeting of London being drawn
was produced, heard Read & approved & by Order of this
meeting Signed by Ebenezer Hoskins Thomas Rodman
Jacob Mott & Thomas Richardson,
This meeting adjourns to ye next Year at ye Usual
time and Place
—

ffrom Over Yearly meeting held at Rhode Island the 16th
fourteenth day of ye 4th month 1714

To the Yearly meeting of ffriends in London

Dearly Beloved in the Lord

Wee being mett together at
this over annual meeting ffrom Several parts of this
Colony under the waighty Sence of the great work which
god hath begun in this Land Can now with more Satisfaction
and Incorm el you know, y This our meeting hath been very Comfor
and Sweet ffrom aney disturbance & from day to day to our multi
tude Sweet consolation have wee been, dearely comforted
together in our holey head Jesus Christ in whose Love and
Dread many waighty Testamonies have been borne unitedly
& Sollicitedly by our worthey ffriends thomas Chalkley and
James Dickinson, who in their travells in America have
to the refreshing of many Gods heritage & to
the holy name for ever who is to be praised Serving the Lord
all and leading them out of the wilderness causing his
power as a pillar of fire to be by night & a Cloud of five by night
to Shine upon his children & is giveing them to eate the same
Spiritual meat & to drink of the same Spiritual drink w^ch out
of the Rock Christ ane praised be the Lord, notwithstanding
the fury & rage of y^e enemies of truth & their endeavours
to make her look deformed & odious yet wee can say the glory of y^e
Lord doth rest upon Israel which makes her truly
may wee in obedience of his unspeakable Continued
Gifts be inspired more & more Serveing him with
unfeigned fervent Constancy all our days & be sensible
that our eating our drinking our Cloathing
Sleep or any thing else we may or doth must
also be examined by the Ruling power & that over
they Gen corruption & Lusts may not appear & shine
that Union, Life with God may be increased by y^e
wee we & all in the service of god. We have Comfortable
Let you know that our ancient ffriend Jacob Mott an
Elder of this Island is gone to rest & we
Leave Say as Solomon in the Book of Ecclesiastes
Vanity of Vanity & all is Vanity Eccles 1 2

knit & joyned of god's hight in such like an Love of Love as
upon we to Love are gathered into Gods Kingdom wherein they
reap & enjoy the fruit of theare Labours without disturbance
the magnificent be the Love whose watchfull Eye is Ret Overes
and Raising up a Younge Generation to succeed the worthy
antients; who are gon & going to Rest and now pray god they
may follow: the Christian Example of theare Fathers in
truth & by theare Faithfull walking draw down a blessing
from the God of Israell & Cause him to power forth a double
portion of his spirit upon them: We Receieved yo Several
printed Epistles from yo Yearly meeting 1718: which was
read to our Great Comfort and Edyfication and are Dispos'd
to the several yearly meetings & monthly metings to our
Satisfaction and we hope the Advice & counsell theare in
Give with you we be carefull to take and follow; and
doe Not Neglect you not in a Care of Love to us from you
to Heare, by accidents brought in to this meeting —
wee find Friends in divers places Remain under Sufferings
on account of the prosecution Priests Parsons &c
Goods of Friends are frequently distrayned and wee find
Friends but Friends keep theare Testamoney
of bearing theare Testimony patiently for truth sake & yt
doe Live in Love & Unity That the great & powerfull
& praise & Glory may be Ascribed & given
Continually by his whole power & Kingdom of
Covenant of Light & Life in whome wee dearly salute
you & Remain yo Friends & Brethren
Signed by Order of this meeting by

Ebenezer Slocumb
Tho: Rooman
Jacob Mott
Thomas Richardson

At our Generall Yearly meeting at Newport held by Adjournment from the 6th to the 15th day of the 4th mo. June 1715 Viz.
On the 5th Day of the Week being y 9th of the month our Meeting of Worship was held at Portsmouth meeting house.
On the 6th of the week at our Meeting house in Newport at the 8th hour in y Morning began our Publick Meeting which being adjourned at the 11th hour. Our Publick Meeting of Worship then began; On the 7th of the week at 8 in the Morning the Women Met again & Adjourned at the 10th hour & at the 11th hour the Publick Meeting of Worship began. and about 3 in the afternoon Our Meeting of Discipline began and the Several Quarterly meetings were called Whose Representatives Were Viz.
For Rhoad Island. Thomas Rodman, Jacob Mott, John Hunter, Wm Anthony, Wm Richardson, John Tripp, Wm Wood, Jos. Smith, Sam. Cumstock, Benj. Barton, Isabe Green, Sam. Perry, David Yeamans, Joseph Chase & Nathan. Starbuck present.
For Salem. Jacob Mott, Samuel Collins, John Hunter, Stephen Button, & William Rafel present.
For Nantucket & Dartmouth. John Barnard & Eliz. Coleman present.
The Epistle from Rhoad Island Quarterly Meeting being read & a good account of the Affairs of Truth among them Signified. The Friends in Unity they do desire the Judgment & determination of this Meeting whether such Friends who shall take Certificates & leaves or Full Account or Irons of their Conversations & Other Qualifications from one place to another ought not at their Return to bring other Certificates or Letters of Recommendation from such Place or reason why they do not.
Jacob Mott William Hunter Joseph Smith & Wm Richardson are desired to draw up an Epistle to the Yearly Meetings in England & bring it to this Meeting next 2d. day for their Concurrence.
This Meeting is Adjourned unto Next 2d Day the 13th Instant at the 11th hour.
This Meeting Concurr with y 15th Day according to Adjournment.
The Epistle from Friends at their Yearly meeting in London in the Year 1714 being Read it was Agreed to Friends Mutatis Mutandis and the yearly Conferences therein Especially y of Rhoad Island in Choosing proper and well qualified persons to their Representatives to this Meeting is Recommended to the Observation of the Several Quarterly meetings.
The Friends chosen to collect the Epistles from Friends Yearly Meetings Also to draw up a Epistle to Friends Yearly Meeting in London in the Year 1715 being Read & Approved & Ordered to be Transcribed.
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ceing presented amounting to £6.14.5 was red & ordrd to be
discharged. The Representatives of
Salem Quarterly meeting called upon, they ofring no Epistle nor
no Business in order, it is therefore agreed that they be admonished
by the Epistle to be sent from this meeting to be more Concerned to
perform their Duty in that respect for the future.
We See an Epistle from our ffriends & Brethren at their last
Yearly Meeting in Burlington giveing a very comfortable
& Consolatory Discount of the Affairs of Truth & of its prosperity
in those parts.
The Request & proposall of Rhoad Island Quarterly meeting concerning
ye that Travel their takeing & bringing Certificates &c. is Referd
to the consideration of the Next Yearly Meeting & those concerned
to be laid before the Several yearly meetings.
It was ffurther agreed to have prepared an Epistle to our ffriends &
Brethren at their Next yearly meeting at Philadelphia which
is approved & ordrd to be signed by the Redman Jacob Mott &
Tho. Richardson
The Representatives of Sandwich Quarterly meeting called upon
to present an Epistle signifying that the affairs of Truth are
in a prosperous well & that they are yet kept under the Brotherly
Bonds
This Meeting being Acquainted that the Episcopalian Clergy in this
Government are about to solicit the Government of Great Britain
to alter the Presbytary Church Government Established in this Colony
as it is in North Britain have thought proper to apoint Jo. Wanton
Jun. Gideon Gardner Walter Newberry & Mr Hutchinson Thos Richardson and
Samuel Ing to take particular Notice of their Progress therein
& may give Direction to Acquaint our Correspondents in London
in order to prevent the ill Consequence thereof to ffriends & also
if there be Occation to apply to the Government of Boston & Rhoad
Island.
The ffriends According to appointment having presented an Epistle
drawn to our Elder ffriends and Brethren at their Next Yearly
Meeting in London was approved & ordrd to be signed by the
Yearly Jacob Mott & Tho. Richardson.
It having pleased the Lord to call out of this World to himself our
Ancient Friend & Elder Ebenezer Slocome out of this Island to Rhoad Island it is meet that
a few lines by way of Testimony of this Meeting concerning his life
& Testimony for Truth be drawn up & signed in behalf of this meeting
by Daniel Gould. John Bowen. Thomas Rhoades. Jacob Mott
Jo. Wanton & Walter Newberry and that a Copy thereof be sent with
the Epistle to our ffriends at London.
It is consideration is agreed for the Next Year that on the 7th day of
the week in time of y Yearly meeting there be two meetings of Worship
the first to begin at the tenth hour in the Morning & the second
at the 4th hour in the afternoon & that the Representatives & ffriends

(concerns

Concord in Business Met together on the Sixth day of the week
at y^e 5^th hour in the afternoon to prepare their Business as Usuall
on the 7^th day.
Having Rec^d a friendly & loveing Epistle from our friends
at their last Yearly Meeting at Flushing on Long Island with
a very Comfortable account of the Effects of Truth among them
It is agreed that we Greet them with a few Lines in like manner
and that Jacob Mott & Tho^s Leach Draw the same & Signe it
in behalf of this meeting.
Ephraim Hicks John Broud & Joshua Eason are desired to
Draw up Epistles from this Meeting to the several Quarterly Meet
ings Recommending to them what is Necessary from this Meeting
as Usuall.
This Meeting is Adjourned unto Next 7^th day at Usuall time & place

At the Quarty Meeting held at Rhode Island by Adjournments from the 2d day of the week of the 11th of the same 1716 viz.
on the 3d of the week being the 7th of the month the Meeting of worships at portsmouth meeting house.
On the 6th day of the week at 8 in the morning the Ministers met again & the meeting house & adjourned at the 11th hour at which time the Business of worship began.
On the 1st of the week at 8 in the morning the Ministers met again & adjourned at the 10th hour and at the 11th hour the Business Meeting of worship began & held & in the after noon the meeting of worship
for Rhode Island &c. William Anthony. Nic. Tucker
Sen. Nicholas Smith Sam. Winstock. Tho. Cornell Tho. Rodman
Nic. Stanbuck Jun. Tho. Rodman Jun. Sam. Perry. David Gran
Tho. Richardson &c present.
For Salem Sam. Corwin Josiah Buffom. Sam. Speed Jacob Marion Rich
ens & Peter Leavy present.

Account of these Sufferings is Amounts to Thirty three
pounds Seventeen Shillings & eight pence Allowed of the Quarterly

Representatives of Salem present an Epistle giving a particular
Account of these Sufferings and make their Sufferings
five pounds Seventeen Shillings & eight pence Allowed of the Quarterly

[illegible] they Shall see Convenient. //

[illegible] Ben.ª Holme Having Requested This Meeting of a Select [illegible] Friends to take Some notice of it Agreed that Tho.ª Rodman Sen.ª Matt.ª John Stanton Sam.ª Thurber and Tho.ª Rodman Jun.ª and Lot [illegible] be a Committee for This Meeting to Observe and Consider the Same and Give Notice thereof at This Quarterly Meeting. //

The Necessity and Occasion that Seems to have for Erecting Some Sort of Meeting House for Worship being Laid before This Meeting Friends have Generally therewith Unanimously Subscribed to the Same towards the Erecting [illegible] money with the Monthly Meeting [illegible] Power: And the Care of Erecting the House is left to Thomas [illegible] Jun.ª Benj.ª Holme and Lot [illegible] Who are Desired to Consider [illegible] Necessary Materials [illegible] Ensuing Monthly Meeting [illegible] Desired to Draw Some Minute to the Several Quarterly Meetings And Recommend that [illegible] Friends of our Friends Benj.ª Holme W.ª Baldwin and Peter [illegible] be Brought in Unanimously Approved and Signed at This Meeting [illegible] Monthly Meeting Joined unto the Same. //

[illegible] Dear and Well Beloved Friends

We Have [illegible] Love [illegible] Sincerity and Steadfastly [illegible] Account Give [illegible] Truth [illegible] Christianity Love and Unity [illegible] Meeting has been much Larger [illegible] Goodness and Loving Kindness of our Heavenly Father [illegible] Glorious day [illegible] Hath Been Graciously Pleased to Overshadow [illegible] Meeting [illegible] Church Inquired into and Managed. [illegible]

At our General Quarty meeting on [illegible] the 10th to the 15th Day of the
Week Representatives from the 10th to the 15th Day of the
Yearly Meetings being called upon Viz.
Rhode Island Jno Thomas Jacob Mott Nicholas Mumford
Jno Wm Wm Hodgson Jno Worton David Greene Sam
& Jno Richardson Brent
Salem Richd Estes Samuel Gaskill Edward Wanton
Stephen Sawyer, Jacob Morrell & Thomas Chalkley
Sandwich & Pilmouth Michael Hudson
Our Friends Gerton Owen & John Salkeld of Pennsylvania having lately visited Friends Meetings in these parts & being also at this Meeting Drew Certificates from the Meeting to testify their unity with them & Joseph Smith & Jno Lee were desired to draw each of the Friends Certificate to be signed at this Meeting next 2d Day.
The Settlement of Quarterly Meetings belonging to this
being not yet [illegible] it is ordered that three Friends
[illegible] at Boston on the 20th Day of
[illegible] to close the Dispute subsisting between
[illegible] before Sept. Richard Wait Jno
[illegible] Jno Worton & the
[illegible]
Meeting next 2d Day for Disposition.
[illegible] Friends to the Southward
[illegible] Great Southern Colonies
Maryland &c. which were red in this meeting
[illegible] Meeting to proceed unto Nov 2d Day the
[illegible] hour in the Morning.
This Meeting being Well on the 15th Day according to Adjournment
[illegible] Friends Epistle Dear & well
beloved & our Unity with them being manifested were a great
[illegible] at this Meeting.

[illegible] Meeting came on they produced an Epistle
[illegible] a very good Account of the Affairs of Truth
[illegible] they had done an account of Friends Sufferings
[illegible] Meeting which Minutes to be
[illegible] with the Epistles from Friends in Rhode Island &
[illegible] Quarterly Meeting came on they produced
[illegible] Minutes of their Proceedings
[illegible]

[illegible] Service

Turn Over

They also acquaint that they have agreed to restrain all
Friends belonging to that quarterly meeting from sending their
Children to the Presbyterian Schools or to learn in their ways
Requesting the same may be approved by this meeting which
proposall Being Maturely considered this Meeting Cannot rest
fied with the concern Friends are under in that matter and for
Answer Refer them to a Minute of the yearly meeting in
the year 1708 made in that case which is thought sufficient
They send an Accompt of the cost & charge of building their
Meeting House at Salem, manifesting y^t som Money is yet
wanting to defray ye charge to the Balance of £138 6s 1d which
being considered this agrees the Accompt thereof be sent to ye
Quarterly meeting who are desired to take such Measures
as they shall see meet to collect w^t Money they can in freely
towards defraying ye Charge and that ye Accompt be by the
next yearly Meeting at Salem.

[illegible] Quarterly meeting called on Thirty fourth
[illegible] a Satisfactory Account of the Affairs of
[illegible] the Increasing of the Number of
[illegible] Ministers their Ministering Gifts.

[illegible] Epistle from the Yearly Meeting of
[illegible] London in 1708 as also their Former Epistles
[illegible] to Illustrate Consideration and the Wholesome
[illegible] Advices therein contained recommended to
[illegible] Several Quarterly Meetings.

[illegible] Friends at their last Yearly Meeting
[illegible] were desired to provide Entertainment
[illegible] for the Friends of Rhode Island
[illegible] Brother Daniel Wilson
[illegible] Sarah Read y^e 28^th of 3^mo 1717 which
[illegible] & friendly complied therein.

[illegible] Yearly meeting in Salem being pretty well
[illegible] the Forenoon before the meeting
[illegible] the time ordinary of this Meeting
[illegible] meeting
[illegible] & Worship as Usual.

[illegible] to the Consideration of Friends if they are
[illegible] to the Quarterly Meeting

of God how to discharge their duties in that way aforesaid and Answer it may be brought up from our Monthly and Quarterly meetings to our next Yearly meeting & also y.t Merchants do write their Correspondents in the Islands and Else where to discourage their sending any more Rotten to be sold by any ffriends here.

The Corrall & Preserved ffish are Desired to draw Epistles from this to the Several Quarterly Meetings upon the same in behalf of this meeting & to admonish Salem Quarterly meeting to be more diligent in collecting and sending their suffering to Our Next Yearly Meeting which has not been Neglected.

This Meeting Being Sensible of the Great Suffering of our ffriends in Boston Gaol under the Presbyterian Priest Craft and a few Lines being drawn up by way of Address to the Governor of that Province Representing the same it is agreed to Accept & Signed by ffriends in behalf of this Meeting and that Walter Newberry Samuel Sewall & Thomas Richardson Do Deliver the same to the Governor Desiring him to Signify to us in writing what money they can and Make Returne in writing through them to the Next Quarterly meeting at Salem.

The Concerns of this Meeting being Ended it was Left to Rest to the Next Year at time & place as before.

At a Gen[er]all Quarterly meeting held on Rhoad Island
aforesaid Began at Portsm[o] y[e] 12[th] of y[e] 4[th] month in y[e] year 1710
being y[e] 5[th] day of y[e] week; for worships only 13 ffriends of this
Citty met in y[e] morning about y[e] 8[th] hower & at y[e] 9[th] hower
the publick meeting of worships began and about 3 afternoon
y[e] meeting for buisines Relating to the affairs of y[e] Church
began — y[e] Generall Quarterly meetings being Called Upon
for Rhoad Island their Representatives and Jacob mot. Tho
Rodman Jn[o] Anthony Nathan Harbick Jun. Tho[s] Richardson
John Tucker Preserved Fisk Sam[l] Comstock Sam Aldrich
Henry Knowls; Stephen Willcocks. Joseph Chaps. David Green
Salem Quarterly meeting theare Representatives; are John
Kenny Nicholas Wilson James Turington; Thom: Phillips, mo[s]
Just mens Sandwich Quarterly meeting Called Upon
theare Representatives are John Wing Edward Perey
Two ffriends who were Ingaged in y[e] Erection of ffriends
meeting house in Boston: make Report y[t] y[e] same was
Erected according to y[e] direction of y[e] Last Yearly meeting
An Epistle was presented by the Representatives of
Salem Quarterly m[g] Signifies the goodness of god to them
in a very good degree nothing Loo and Exhorting y[e] most part
y[e] affairs of y[e] Church have been Prayed on in Love and to
good Satisfaction Falcon (~~not worthy Mentioning~~) neaver to fall a
Small Falcon Happening to arise in y[e] monthly meeting
Rhoad Island, the matter was Referred to y[e] Quarterly meeting
where a Judgment was given for Satisfaction And
in owing y[e] Small Eyes of y[e] meeting for to be
Seen to Leave after from debat it was agreed that Thomas
Rodman Thomas Six ffriends to Welcome with
this meeting & mills the mater to heare and fully to
~~Examine and to bring an account~~ Into Consideration & make
Report Concerning y[e] same Also agreed that John Wing &
Jacob Mot or Either of them Signifie
Joy of their Desires to the Monthly meeting
at Sandwich whether they will Joyne
with ffriends there according to Rule
Edward Wing, Sam Collins Signifies Desire
Joy & Peace among all ffriends here agreed to meet
at Dwelling house of y[e] Widow Tomson, morning
Several ffriends have to Visit in the Island
Adjourned to y[e] 15[th] Instant 1 y[e] 11[th] m[o] y[e] meeting
Concluded for Business in y[e] forenoon 1717 & 171[8]

= volue Red to y^e mole of y^e Last ... Hes faelions it is Earnestly
desired that y^e Seuerey Quarterly and Monthly meetings
may Be Carefully Observed by all friends Every where
Also from meetings of theire Yearly meeting in y^e 9^m 1717 ...
Loome. Jones. Disalowes wearing garments in Token of mourning
on Burieing. Isaac Gowing & Cringing in Salutation ...
are also Recomended to over Quarterly meetings ... also
Epistles of Love from over Brethren at their Last Yearly meeting
in Pensilvania & Long Island which gives us a very ...
acceptance of truth prospereley amongst them ...
Their Representatives of Sandwich present an Epist^e from ...
Quarterly meeting Informes y^t the power of god had been ...
in a very good degree among them ... which
had been Carefully ... amongst them ... Exercise
& Care of Their Suffering any ... of Rash ...
ing to ... They Refer ... to ...
Determination of this meeting.
The Epist^e was also Received from Salem Quarterly meeting
... y^e ... of Love & unity ...
... in Care of their meeting ...
... which is ... well in ... of ... 14
... y^e ... of this meeting to Reprove them ...
... Considered it is Enioined that for y^e present they ...
... with Carefulness & Circumspection & Endeavor ...
... Care ... friends ... Buying ... Selling Slaves ...
... meeting having had ... Consideration ... Buying ...
... Selling Slaves do Conclude that y^e ...
... y^e Last Yearly meeting in ... Concerning ...
... offerings of friends Belonging to the ... meeting
... Read & Considered & Priscilla Bales ... of 2^s 5^d 0
... Rec^d not Expressly in y^e Minutes ... 1 16 0
4 2 4 0

Thomas Rotman Jacob Mott Jonathan Tucker ... Rotman
... Desired to draw an Epist^e from this meeting to
our friends at their next Yearly meeting in London and
... same with Expressings as to Slaves they are also desired
to send Epist^e to y^e Yearly meetings of our friends of Pensilvania
Long Island Thomas Jackson & Thomas Richardson are Desired
upon them in y^e Said Epist^e or get Ready to be ... at
Quarterly meeting at Rhoade Island ... Care of Friends
Circumspection ... upon ... Necessities draw Epist^e from
meeting to y^e ... Quarterly meetings Recommended
as aforesaid from this meeting

[illegible] Consideration of [illegible] Concerns of Friends [illegible]
[illegible] having taken notice of this
meeting, it is agreed that friends be as soone as with Convenience
they can write to our Friends in great Brittain Requesting their
Endeavours for our Releef in that case and in order to [illegible]
this business and to Defray the Charge Thereof it is agreed that
the Quarterly meeting of Rhoad Island do Collect Three Hundred
& twenty pounds, & ye Quarterly meeting of Salem Two Hundred
& fifteen pounds & ye Quarterly meeting of Sandwich Two Hundred &
three score & fifteen pounds; and when Collected to be ordered
into the hands of John Wanton & Thomas Richardson they to
Remit ye same home in ye best method they can and this
meeting will Supply with more money for that purpose
if wanted; and Said John Wanton & Thomas Richardson are
desired to Take ye management of that affair & order their Cor-
respondents (Chosen to determine the matter which is Referred
by an Appeale from Rhoad Island Quarterly meeting to
this meeting having brought in their Judgment there-
on it is Received and ordered to be Entered with
the Minutes of this meeting

At a yearly meeting Held at Rhoad Island the 1st of ye 4th month
1718. Some Friends of Rhoad Island Concerning ye Mess[illegible]
of Roman Stem of some Roomen of Long Island have complained
to Quarterly meeting & not Endeavoured the whose names are Enclosed
being appointed by this meeting & South Carolina Concerned to
Receive & Consider, and give Judgment therein
& Conclusion of this Concerne therefore we [illegible]
ing ye Quarterly meeting which may attend [illegible]
ye Appellants & that they Receive to give their
Judgment & Let it all Friendly & Demeanor, all wrightings
hath been made on that Acct. and where any have
Complaints to Each other, have power on any Such
to Love one another, and endeavour for Love & Unity that
Time & Some things may be Carried on in ye Unity of
the Spirit of meekness and Truth - Secondly It is
Judgment that whereas in the Several Quarterly meetings
Complaints Allowed to be Given in to ye Quarterly meeting
& Concern of Friends ye use of such Liberty to be Improved
with Endeavours to make Reconciliation between the Parties
Marriages be taken an Acct of & Sent to ye Monthly meeting
[illegible] Being ye 1st Second Fourth & Fifth days in the
[illegible] for ye Time to ye Monthly meeting [illegible]
Receive not to Refuse ye [illegible] of Friends
[illegible] Judgment hath been Given into Management of those
[illegible] Therefore more Especially Concerned Friends could Through
Negligence neglect Timely Dealing [illegible] Such Delays
[illegible] meetings Reasons
[illegible] ye next [illegible]

From our Yearly Meeting held at Rhode Island
by adjournments from y^e 18^th to the 26^th of 10^th mo 1703

To Our ffriends & Elders Assembled at their Next yearly Meeting
to be held at London.

Dear ffriends & Brethren

We Rec^d Your General Epistle from your Last [illegible]
dear ffriends your care of the prosperity of Truth & welfare of Zion
is Still & have good Unity both your Sessions Together & Sundry
and have recommended y^e Same to our Several Quarterly
Meetings. Through Divine favour this Our Annual Meeting
was Large & peaceable & also in a good degree Seal with
Heavenly showers to the Mutual Refreshing & Edification of the
Seed of Good.

By the Extract Rec^d from the Several Quarterly Meetings
we understand that ffriends in the Country are in Unity
But Strife prevails in divers Severs ~~places~~ parts of Rhode Island
and there is y^e sad Grievance to hear the Testimony there of
Vilified. In Some of y^e Upper parts of Connecticut
and Hudsons River ffriends are Zealous
and Warmly Engaged in a good degree of Love & Charity. Nevertheless we
[illegible] Enemy to bring his contention & Soe Discord amongst Brethren the
Lord grant if it Stand with his Holy will he may ever be disappointed
of his end therein.

We understand ffriends are generally concerned to keep up Truths
Testimony against Bearing of Arms and Other Rates so called
the Account whereof brought in to this Meeting Notwithstanding Some
are Omitted Amounts to £ which we send here with.

The Consideration of ffrd^s continued Sufferings under the Prest
Government & Independant Power obliges us Still further
to Address Your Christian Compassion by laying the Case of y^e
Sufferers before You Earnestly Desiring that Effectual
to Convey the Charitable Relief as ffriends Unity & Love
Hereby Recommend to Your Christian Consideration
Which We Commit to Your Wisdom & Discretion
to whom we refer for a more particular Account of their Sufferings
Signed by Order & on Behalf of the Meeting by

Jacob Mott
Thomas Rodman
John Tweed
Joseph Smith
Wm Anthony

At a Quarterly Meeting held at Portsmouth the 11th day of the 1st m° 1719 being y° 5th of the week and
y° 12th day about 2 a Clock in the afternoon the Meeting for Worship
worship began, and about y° 3d hour afternoon the Meeting for Busi-
ness Relating the Church began.

The several Quarterly meetings being called upon, viz.

Did not appear

Did not appear

Did not appear

Quarterly Meeting by Reason we could not come [illegible]
had been appointed [illegible] and Testimony to be born
of the Church had been managed in a Sence of the Same. That ffrd
[illegible] and bearing of Armes, That some Slackness had appeared in not keep-
ing to which Day Meetings and Discipline of Friends [illegible]
[illegible]. They also sent an Account of their Expenses
which Amounts to Nine pounds Seventeen Shillings and Ordered
the Same Maintained.

This Meeting being Informed That our ffrd William Wilkinson [illegible]
hath visited by the Direction of Friends there Severall
Counties in ffriendly manner and now Intends [illegible]
[illegible] for the Service of Truth in those parts and to Carry Sundry
Writings to Divers Persons Desires Friends & The Same to
Encourage & Assist ffrd Wilkinson in yet remains to collect the money
for Books Sold at that part Part of [illegible] first and the
Residue of the said Books [illegible] Wilkinson be paid therewith in Season.

The General Epistle from the Yearly Meeting held at London 1718
with a Cautionary Epistle against Pride as also a Private Epistle to
[illegible] this Meeting were Read to Friends Satisfaction
and it is Earnestly Desired their Tender Counsell & Admonition
May be carefully Observed by Friends Everywhere.

An Epistle from our ffrds at their Yearly Meeting at
[illegible] was Read this Day and ordered to be
Recorded.

An Epistle from our Esteemed ffriend [illegible]
dated at Hartford 24 of 1mo 1718 containing good
Counsell & Advice to Friends Every where.

Thomas Jones Mary Jones & Jonathan Evans appointed to Attend
the Quarterly Meeting at Haverford and Desired to Draw
Epistles to Friends there on Behalf of this Meeting.

Thomas Gould Peter Bacon & Edward Smith are Desired to Draw
Epistles from this to the several Quarterly Meetings Concerned
and what is necessary else Care to be Taken on Behalf of this Meeting
[illegible] is Desired that a Caution be in the Epistles to the Quarterly Meetings
Concerning Meetings.

This Meeting is Adjourned unto the 1st Day at Time & Place
as Usual.

The Epistle from our Yearly meeting held in Rhodeisland
by Adjournment from the 11th Day of the 1st Month 1719
to our Dear friends and Brethren at their next Yearly Meeting to be held in London.

[illegible] with unfeigned Salutations of the Love of Christ
[illegible] Dearly Beloved we are hereby to let you know that [illegible]
[illegible] Lord Jesus Christ [illegible] Heavenly Power & Love favoured us
[illegible] with the Overshadowings of the Divine Testimony of Our Glorious
Lord Jesus Christ & Dispensation whereby many [illegible]
[illegible] Hope thereof & thereby [illegible]
[illegible] & Love [illegible] meeting.
[illegible] John Barnard [illegible]
[illegible] Love [illegible]

[illegible]

As many have to hear the testimony the Lord did
standing the Persecuting Endeavours of our souls adversary to the
contrary) a good degree of Love & Unity is pretty generally maintained
among Friends and a Godly concern rests on the minds of Principle
Brethren for the Preservation of the present rising generation among
us.

The General Epistle as also your caution against Pride from
your Meeting in 1718 [illegible]
[illegible]
common also Especially among Youth) condemn & our Testimony
and tends to the Strengthening our hands in many
Express the same and we Earnestly desire the continuance
[illegible]
is the same in all yet we conceive [illegible] may be the more prevalent for
Ease [illegible]

[illegible] Friends are Strengthened under your Sufferings for our
[illegible] Testimony against Priests and Oppressors [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] to the God of all Consolation [illegible]
[illegible] to remember us in your Spirits pray time
to time and give us Grace to walk as a people to Gods
we consider

Your Friends & Brethren

Signed by order & in behalf
of said Meeting

[illegible]
John Sodman
Jacob Mott
[illegible]
Joseph Smith
[illegible]
Tho. Richardson

At Our Yearly Meeting held at Dover began at Portsmouth the 9th of the 1st Month being y 3d of the week.
Our Mo[nthly] Meet[ing] about 8 in the Morning the Friends of the Monthly meet at Newport & about the 11th Hour Our Public Meeting for Worship began. And at the 2d Hour afternoon the Meeting for Church Discipline began.
[illegible] Yearly Meeting's Epistle and Several Epistles
-tives are Viz.
[illegible]
-turn to the next Yearly Meeting.
The Epistle from [illegible] Yearly Meeting
Informing that the Affairs of the Church under their care had be-
-tion and that Friends are generally in Unity & Divers are wit-
-ness a good concern for the prosperity of Truth. They also Inform the
[illegible]
-cerning the Last Yearly Meeting.
This Meeting is Adjourned until the 13th Instant at the 11th
Hour in the Forenoon.
[illegible]
the time Appointed.
A Piece of Manuscript written by Richard Borden when
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] Love and Unity [illegible]

An Epistle was also Rec. from Salem & Burlington meeting informing that that Meeting had been favoured with the presence of [illegible] & Mary Peisley & Mary Ann Hudson & Their Labours of Love & Service amongst Friends & that they had Collected the Sum of £43:18:5 which Amounts to £43:18:5.

The General Epistle from the Yearly Meeting of Friends in London 1719 & an Additional Epistle from the Yearly meeting held in Dublin were Read & Several Queries & Recommendations also Advices were Recommended to the Observation of the Quarterly Meetings.

[illegible] 1719 & also an Epistle [illegible] Signifying the Unity & Good Will of God was Manifested Therein were Read in Our Satisfaction.

[illegible] Account of the Fresh Rules &c.

Our Friends Joseph Kirkbride & John Lee of Pensilvania having visited [illegible]

An Epistle from this Meeting To Our Friends at their next Quarterly Meeting [illegible]

Meeting and they & Friends are also desired to write & send an Epistle to the Jerseys as Usuall.

Our Friends Josh & Giles Shewin are desired to draw Epistles from this Meeting to the Several Quarterly Meetings Recommending the Records from this Meeting.

[illegible]

An Account of Sufferings from [illegible] Amounts to £81:15:0.

[illegible]

[illegible] Epistle of [illegible] Yearly Meeting held at [illegible] by adjournment from the [illegible] day of the [illegible] month to the [illegible] day of the same inclusive to the Quarterly Meetings Subordinate thereto

Dated 1721

Dear Friends

The Extendings of Sincere Love in our [illegible] Jesus Christ [illegible] Salutes you at this [illegible] Day [illegible] Goodness [illegible] renewed Demonstrations of his great Love & Regard to the workmanship of his [illegible] Power & Authority [illegible] Quarterly [illegible] Meetings [illegible] Meeting [illegible] Yearly [illegible] Meeting [illegible] Godly [illegible]

By the Accounts received at this Meeting we find Friends [illegible] us to hope and believe that notwithstanding the many Oppositions [illegible] Other Countryes.

[illegible] be Observed by all in profession with us.

[illegible] Yearly [illegible] Meeting [illegible] Quarterly [illegible] Meetings [illegible] Meeting [illegible] Yearly [illegible] Meeting [illegible] Meeting [illegible] Meeting

[illegible] Yearly Meeting held at Portsmouth began
Portsmouth the 8th of the 4th mo 1721 being the 6th of the week
[illegible] 11th about 9 in the morning the Friends of the [illegible]
[illegible] at Portsmouth & the meeting for Business
Worship began. And at the close of the first day of the week
Discipline began and several meetings held
Their Representatives are viz.t

For Rhode Island Thomas Dungan Junr Nicholas
Lucas Jabez [illegible] Colo. Daniel Gookin Anthony Dyer
Robert Hodge Thos Dungan junr Richard Hancock Junr.

For Salem Quarterly Meeting Samuell Collins present
For Sandwich Quarterly Meeting John Wing present

The Country known at our last Yearly Meeting to
correct the Manuscript written by Each Border do make report
[illegible]

[illegible] meetings had been Honourably [illegible]

[illegible] Yearly generally meeting [illegible]
before these following matters be our [illegible]

[illegible] depending between [illegible]
Suit in which a Judgment had been given by a Quarterly
Quarterly meeting from which [illegible]
[illegible] Samuell Collins
[illegible] Meetings [illegible]
appearing.

[illegible] Meeting [illegible]
to be [illegible] after the time appointed.

The Printed General Epistle from the Yearly meeting of
[illegible] in London 1720 and [illegible] Epistles
London 1721 of the Quarterly & Monthly
Meetings for Business were Read in our Meeting
also [illegible] Epistle from
by Meeting Sent to Burlington for Information & the
[illegible]

By the Epistle from Yearly Meeting they
[illegible]

they meeting for Sufferings what methods or measures may

The 10th Friends Thomas Leach & Thomas Richardson are desired to read the Epistles to this yearly meeting of London Bristol & the Quarterly meeting of Leeds & Scotland & the Epistles to the Yearly meeting of New York & Pensilvania & the Epistles to the Quarterly meeting of Rhode Island.

The Friends chosen to judge the matter of Difference between Captain Allen & William Peal having made return that they could not agree in said Concern this meeting therefore appointed Thomas Rodman & Joseph Mason to be joyned to them.

The Friends chosen to judge the matter of Difference between Jeremiah Allen and William Peal have given in their judgment which is as followeth We the Subscribers hereunto being appointed & Commissionated at the yearly meeting held at Newport on Rhode Island the 17th day of the 4th month 1721 to hear & Determine a Controversy between William Peal Jeremiah Allen it being brought to this meeting by William Peal by way of an appeal from the Quarterly meeting held at Dartmouth the 6th day of the 2d month 1721 Do agree that the said William Peal shall have his Sloop returned to him & that the said Jeremiah Allen shall pay unto the said William Peal the sum of Twenty pounds in Money & that the said William Peal shall pay the Charges of the Meeting & Dr Hazard for the Charges of the Court & that the said Jeremiah Allen shall pay the Charges of the Court & that there be no further Suit between them about the premises & that this our judgment is accepted on the Quarterly Meeting of Rhode Island to set it aforesaid.

This Meeting is Adjourned unto the next year at time & place appointed.

An Epistle was sent to the Yearly Meeting of Friends in London giving Account of Truths progress & a Copy of this Book.

And 1709. Relating to Marriage in the Kin, Reconsidered & Explained, The Meeting Accordingly having weighed the Matter do Conclude as followeth Viz.

With Respect to the Degrees of Consanguinity Do not find freedom at present to make any Alteration.

And with Respect to Affinity it is Conceived the meaning & Intent of the Min: it was only to Restrain the Marrying Amongst Wives Brother or Sisters Daughter or a Womans Marrying her Husbands Brother or Sisters Son It being proposed by the Quarterly meeting of Maryland That whereas Friends Marriages are Ordered to be in a Meeting Appointed for that purpose and not In a week day meeting which matter being Considered here It is Concluded That if the Monthly Meeting see it Reasonable They may for the future grant Marriages In a week Day meeting Friends are Desired not to Presume thereto without the Approbation of the Monthly

At our Generall Yearly Meeting held at Rhoadsland begining
at portsmouth the first of the 1st Mo: 1722 & on the 4th day
about 4 in the afternoon Our Meeting for Church Discipline began
where the several Quarterly Meetings belonging to this Yearly
Meeting was called upon and their Representatives were Viz.t
For Rhoadsland Thomas Eddy Jacobb Mott William
Anthony Joseph Wanton John Tucker Samuel Aldridge
Thomas Eddy Jun.r Nathan.l Sturbuck Thomas Crandall
Thomas Richardson Sent.
For Salem Quarterly meeting Samuel Gaskell Sam.l Collins
Benj.a Flint Peter Var[illegible] Robert Pearsly Benj.a Gough Sent.
For Sandwich & Dartmouth John Wing Robert Barker & Michael
Wanton Sent.

This Meeting is Adjourned unto the next second Day the Eleventh
Instant at the 8th hour in the morning.

The Meeting being met about the Eleventh hour according
to Adjournment.

This meeting having Perused the Answers of the several
Quarterly meetings Relating to Extravagancy of Dress
Perriwiggs &c. Do Concern Remaining in the minds of Friends
for exciting the same prevailing among us Do Conclude & Order as
The Judgement of this meeting That all Friends who have Occa-
sion to wear Perriwiggs Ought to take the advice & Approbation of
Ye Elders of their respective meetings before they proceed to
get one. And it is the Tender advice and brotherly Request of this
Meeting that all be Careful to observe the same & not the Less
to Carefully mind all of their Friends Testimonies against
To pull on a Wigg or Dissecent Cap which has been Lately
Like to Appear to be a growing practice among too many of the Young
Men in several parts to the Trouble & Grief of many Friends &
to Clearly Appearing Contrariety to the Plainness & Simplicity
The Spirit and Doctrine of the Truth.

The Quarterly Meeting of Rhoadsland has according to
the Request of the Yearly Meeting sent in the Sum of Three
pounds

The Quarterly meeting of Sandwich has also sent in the Sum of
Three pounds

Both Making the Sum of Sixteen pounds which is Ordered
into Thomas Peace for the Service of this meeting The Last
Quarterly meeting having sent in the Four pounds Received
of them They are therefore Requested to Collect the Same &
Send up to Our Next Yearly Meeting.

It being Proposed by Several of the Quarterly meetings to this
Yearly Meeting to have the minutes of the Yearly meetings

And 1709. Relating to Marriage Is the same Reconsidered
and explained, This Meeting Accordingly having weighed the matter
Do conclude as followeth Viz.
With Respect to the Degrees of Consanguinity do not find cause
at present to make any alteration. And with respect to Affin-
ity it is to be Included the meaning & Intent of the minute was and
so to Restrain the Marrying a Mans Wifes Brother or Sisters
Daughter or a Woman marrying her Husbands brother or
Sisters son.
It being proposed by the Quarterly Meeting of Rhode Island
That whereas Friends Marriages are ordered to be at a meeting
appointed for that purpose the next fourth week meeting which
Matter being considered is Resolved That by the
Monthly Meeting if it Reasonable They may & therein
Grant Marriages in a weekly meeting & Friends are desired
not to presume there to without the Application of the
Monthly meeting.

The Yearly Meeting of Friends at their yearly
[illegible] has also a particular Epistle from the
[illegible] meeting & Meeting for Sufferings
[illegible] 1721. were Read to mutual Satisfaction
[illegible] wherein advice therein is Recommended
[illegible] observation of Friends.

By Epistle from Rhode Island they inform that in a great
[illegible] unity is maintained among Friends That they are
diligent & carrying on the Discipline of Truth.

By Epistle from the yearly meeting of Friends at Philadelphia
[illegible] 21. Signified hoped to call Mr. Fourth Yearly
Meeting were Read. Also an Epistle from our Friends
at the last yearly meeting at Philadelphia which was
Acceptable & the good account they give is matter of Satis-
faction to us.

By Epistle from Salem Quarterly meeting we understand
Friends There are [illegible] unity & They also Inform that
they have Concluded that their Quarterly meetings for the
[illegible] for the future begin upon the 6th Day of the
week at Boston at the tenth hour in the morning and the
Ministers meeting on the Seventh Day of the week at Lynn
at the eighth hour in the morning which is approved by
the meeting.

By Epistle from the Quarterly meeting of Sandwich
[illegible] Inform that [illegible]

With The good presence & Gd & Ch. Their meetings for Discipline
have been managed in Love & Unity in a General way & with Gravity
The Accompts of Collections & Services of Sixty Eight to this Meeting
is as followeth Viz.

From Scotland Quarterly Meeting £18:19:6
& from London Quarterly Meeting £10:18:0 £29:17:6
Mostly on account of The Irish Rates

The Certificates of our well Esteemed Friends Laurence King
from the Monthly Meeting at Settle in Yorkshire 9th 7th 10th mo: 1720.
And from the Quarterly Meetings of Ministers at York 12th 10th mo: 1720
Also the Certificate of our well Esteemed Friend John Fothergill
from the Monthly Meeting at Pontyfract 2d 7th 10th mo: 1720. & from
the Quarterly Meeting of Ministers at York the 28th 10th mo: 1720.
And also Recommendatory Epistles from the 2d day
Morning Meeting were read here to general satisfaction
The Friends appointed to Draft Epistles from this
Meeting to our Friends in London Lancashire Scotland
Ireland & Barbadoes Thomas Lodman Joseph Pike John Storke
Richard Anthony Jr Smith Thomas Crewdson Peter
Fisher and John Wooton & Thomas Lowther are desired to draft
Epistles to the several Quarterly Meetings Recommending
the Affair from this Meeting as usual

An Epistle from our Yearly Meeting held at Devonshire House by
several Adjournments from the 4th of the 5th Month to the 11th of the same
Inclusive 1722. To our Friends and Elder Brethren at their Next Yearly
Meeting to be held in London.

Dear Friends

After the Salutation of Sincere Love in our Dear
Lord Jesus which is freely extended unto you all Here by
give you to understand That it hath pleased the Lord in the Riches
of his Love and Goodness not only to grant us a Large and Precious
Meeting at present but hath in his good Power and Wisdom
in a Great and Divine Authority and Dominion ordered & Disposed

Both Immediately and Fundamentally to Mutual Exhortation
and Edification of Faithfull Travailers, and the Ingenuous
Renewed Evidences of his fatherly regard & Visitation of Love
for gathering and preserving the present rising generation
May These with the Multitude of Divine favours &c. we many
days partake of Rest as Ingageing Obligations on us to walk before
him with reverence and holy fear to the glory of his great and
Worthy Name &c.

The Affairs and concerns of Truth which came before this
Meeting have been weightily inquired into, considered and manag
ed in Love, and by the Accounts rec.d from the several Quarterly
Meetings understand Friends generally dwell in Love and unity
which we hope may be strengthened & encouraged by this our
Solemn Meeting and earnestly also continue for keeping up the
Testimony of Truth in the diverse branches thereof and for Re-
Scipline in the Churches.

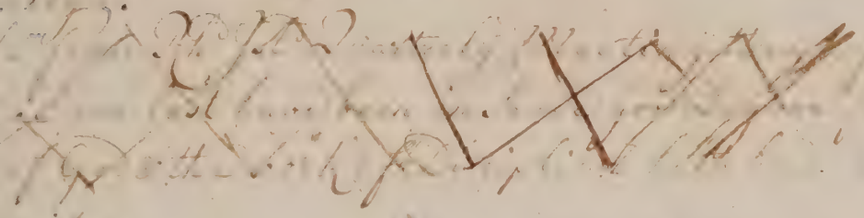
The Account of Friends sufferings brought into this meeting
amounts to Twenty nine Pounds seventeen Shillings and
Eight pence Account of Priests Rates, a copy whereof is ord
to be transmitted to you We Rec.d your printed general
Epistles as also your particular Epistle dated 12th which were rea
from which we are refreshed and rejoycing in that we perceive your
Christian care and Zeal for the prosperity of Truth in the gener
and Especially for the Account of Love and Unity among you which
with all the other blessed effects of True and Living Faith we earnestly
pray for the Increase and Continuance of Through out all the Church
of Christ and that they may yet more abundantly be shown for the
Gathering the World Even to the Inviteing and drawing Thousands
Ten Thousands to come & Increase the Truth in the Love
of it, and as many of us have cause to bless the Lord for the Al
Gospel Labours &c. Rec.d by the Faithfull Labourers, Humble careful
and Circumspect Conversations of many Worthys whome the
Lord hath taken to himself That we also may leave the same
Testimony to the Rising generation and as much as in us
lyes Imprint in them that lively Image of Innocency
Meekness and Integrity which adorned our Primitive Brethren
to many Nations Amen.

Tho.s Rodman
Ordered by Order in the name of said Meeting by Jacob Mott
John Tucker
William Anthony
Preserved Fisher
Samuel Allo

Whear the several Quarterly Meetings belonging to this Meeting

Gatherings of [illegible]
follows Viz.
From Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting
for Refusing to bare Armes - - £2:18:00
for the Priests Rate - - - £:7:03 £3:05:03
From Sandwich & Situate
for Refuseing to bare Armes - - 3:10:00
for Men Hire to buy Ammunition - 1:0:0
for the Priests Rates - - - £8:19:04 (3:09:04
From Salem Quarterly Meeting
for Refuseing to bare Armes £3.18.00
For the Priest Rates - - £2.1.00 £5.19.00
The Whole sum being [illegible]

[illegible] Testimonies thereof is delivered unto John Estey to be [illegible]
the General United Epistle from the Yearly [illegible]
[illegible] 17th of 2d 1722
Satisfaction
[illegible] Epistles one from the yearly Meeting of Friends of Rh
in 1720 and one from the Yearly Meeting of Friends of Pe
[illegible] but have no Epistle from the Yearly
Meeting at Flushing.
[illegible] to the Yearly
[illegible] and in London Pensilvania and Flushing are Jno
[illegible] Joseph Smith Jno Locke Giles Hoden
[illegible] The Epistle
[illegible] to the Several Quarterly Meet
[illegible] this Meeting that [illegible]
[illegible] Money
[illegible] Division Relating to Some of the
Remarks as above.
[illegible] brought to this Meeti
[illegible] Friends Differences with Each Other
[illegible] Decrease it is Desir
[illegible] Friends in London &
[illegible] Desire
[illegible] they may think it
[illegible] this Meeting will make
[illegible] Business if it be Needful
[illegible] to the Next Year



[illegible] Epistles from the Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Dublin the 18th of 5th Mo and from the Yearly Meeting of Friends at Long Island Dated the 29 3rd Mo 1724 giveing the same Truths Prosperity Among them which was Comfortable to us &

This Meeting Rec'd a Salutation of Love from Our Ancient Esteemed Friend James Dickinson Dated from Falmouth 4th 8th of 11th Mo 1723 which was ord to the Care of this Meeting and according to his desire copyes thereof are Ordered to be sent to the Several Quarterly Meetings of Ws

This Meeting signed an Epistle to the next Yearly Meeting of our Friends in London.

The Friends Appointed to Draw Epistles to our Friends in Pensilvania [illegible] Our Several Quarterly Meetings Reminding them [illegible] Friends Meeting Were Thos Duncan Jacob Mott Thomas Gould Giles Thorne & Anthony Sans Derick Rapier Josh & Peter Dicks and they are Ingaged [illegible]

[illegible]

At Our Yearly Meeting held at Salem [illegible] began at Swansey [illegible] ing in Church Discipline began at Newport Where the several [illegible] were fulfilled &c.

[illegible] Anthony Morris Jno Thomas Jacob Mott [illegible] Anthony Jno Jr & Thos Richardson present

For Salem Quarterly Meeting, Robt Easby, Samuel Aston & Samuel Boye Present.

For Shrewsbury & Situate John Wing Present.

This Meeting Rec'd an Epistle from the Quarterly Meeting of Rhode Island &c by which it [illegible] visiting Friends Families Faithfully [illegible] to good satisfaction And that Truth [illegible] also from an Encreasing Growth who it is hopefull may be Instruments [illegible] in their day.

This Meeting is Adjourned unto the 2d day [illegible]

[illegible] meeting that it is Most likely for the Advancement of Truth to [illegible] is approved of and to the Present that the Work may be [illegible] power & Love Advice to Raise the Sum of One Hundred Pounds [illegible] which this Yearly Meeting Doth Recommend to the Quarterly Meetings [illegible] Sum of £80 and also recommends the Quarterly Meeting [illegible] Situate to Collect Rateable Proportions [illegible] Address the Yearly Meeting [illegible]

[illegible] Endeavours for that
end as Money may be wanting to take it on Interest until we can
make [illegible]

[illegible] Epistle from the Yearly [illegible]
[illegible] Meeting for [illegible]
[illegible] Letter to the Satisfaction and Comfort of this Meeting & [illegible]
[illegible] is recommended to the notice and Observation of Friends every [illegible]
Also Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of our Friends in Baltimore held
att Bridgetown in the 7th mo 1784 And at [illegible] the Yearly
Meeting [illegible] good Accounts of the prosperity in those parts is a matter
of Joy & Satisfaction to us.

By Epistle from the Quarterly Meeting of Saline they Inform that
[illegible] with us [illegible] with the Love of Truth.

[illegible] Quarterly Meeting may inform that it was
[illegible] to general Satisfaction being attended in a good degree
with the Presence of God and the concerns of Discipline manifest in
Love, that Truth & other Matters among them. And at their Request it
is agreed that their Quarterly Meeting for the 10th mo be on the 2d day of the week next
[illegible] 3d is the first 6th day in the month.

[illegible] a few lines containing a salutation in Love and
tender advice from our Worthy Friend Benj[a] Holmes Dated London the
26th of 10th mo 1783 [illegible]

An Account of Friends Sufferings brought up to this meeting [illegible]
[illegible] five pounds Eighteen shillings all on Acco[t] of Priest Rates [illegible]
[illegible] ding their Meeting House at Piscataway and notwithstand[g] [illegible]
[illegible] to Friends at home for Relief this Meeting desires Joseph Enoch Isaac
Gordon and Henry Tucker or any two of them with all convenient speed to
[illegible] to Boston and make representation thereof to their Assembly
[illegible] if they will grant any Speedy Relief which this Meeting
[illegible] Newton and Thomas Richards [illegible] Officers Accounts that they
[illegible] to Richard Partridge [illegible]

This Meeting being under a Grateful sense of our Friends diligence
their care & Industry in obtaining some Relief for oppressed Friends
here [illegible] Liberty may be Recommended to Brethren and Friends
that when they [illegible] a Suitable Opportunity to return our warmest
[illegible] Acknowledgments to the Assembly for their [illegible]
John Wanton & Thomas [illegible]

[illegible] Meeting of our Friends [illegible]
[illegible] and Thursday and the Clerk & Treasurer
to the Yearly Meeting to be signed.
Epistles from [illegible] are desired to [illegible] to the
[illegible] Recommending the [illegible]

At the General Yearly Meeting held on Rhode Island for New England
[illegible]
10th Day in the [illegible]
upon and their Representatives are as followeth.

For Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting John Tucker, Joseph Smith, Joseph
[illegible]
John Hanson, John Tucker, Joseph Smith Joseph [illegible]
The Rodmans & The Allens present.

For Salem Quarterly Meeting John Kinsey John Lonely
[illegible]
[illegible] & John Kinsey present.

[illegible]

[illegible] Friends [illegible]
[illegible] Edward [illegible] & [illegible]
[illegible] & [illegible] with [illegible]
[illegible] Meeting concerning [illegible]
[illegible] with as many other Friends as are [illegible]
[illegible] Time between this & the next 2 day to [illegible]
[illegible] & Make their Report concerning [illegible]

2d Day The Friends are John Tucker, Joseph Smith, Sam[l] Aldon
[illegible] John Kinsey &c [illegible]
or as many of them as can with Conveniency.

The Meeting Adjourned unto Next 2d Day at the 11th hour in the
Morning being the 13th Instant.

The Meeting being Gathered [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] have Read them Over & like it as their Judgment that the
[illegible] Friends Works are left to their Liberty to get them Printed at
[illegible] Press & Charge which they see meet.

Our Friends Richard Anthon & Thomas Richardson Informs this
Meeting that [illegible] Friends Desire to be Informed
[illegible] Sum On Account of Friends here that is Desired to
take Money on Interest as was Desired at our last Yearly Meeting
[illegible] Which is for Publicity
[illegible]

[illegible] Desired & Ordered to the [illegible]
[illegible] at and Remit it to Richard Partridge at London as soon as
[illegible] may [illegible]
[illegible] Expence of [illegible] Friends [illegible]

Read in this Meeting to good Satisfaction.

ordered to be recorded.

Copy of the Epistle to London yearly Meeting

From the Yearly Meeting held on Rhode Island for New England by Adjournments from the 5th day of the 4th month 1726

Same 1726

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends to be held in London 1726

Dearly beloved Friends and Elder Brethren in Christ

We Dearly salute you in a Sence of the unchanging Love & favour of our Heavenly Father manifested to us & to our Forefathers & Predecessors in the Truth not only towards a Remnant near in the covenant of Life & Peace but in Watchfulness is still visiting Mankind & Prevaleing on some to imbrace the same Precious Truth, which Engages our Hearts in Thankfulness to give Him Praise who is Worthy Even Him Whose Power & Presence alone can Gather & Unite his People & Preserve them to the End & Crown them with Glory that never shall cease over the Earth as the Waters cover the Seas.

Our Meeting hath been Enjoyed without Interruption in our Ensuing Manner with Peace & Unity & in a good Degree Watchfulness among Friends to hear Truth declared but also great Openness & Opportunity in this year which Engages many more Hearts in the Watchfulness & Obedience which Friends have been great Sufferers & are yet Exercised with many Trials, We desire your Care and Endeavours may be continued & Increased Brotherly Love & Unity may be maintained & Kept among us & Peace & Love with all Men as much as in us lies. We thank You for your Printed & Written Epistles of 1725 which were Read & Received in the Meeting & Answered in the Spirit & Love from which they came & Desire a Continuance of the same Love & Unity with you & all Friends & Brethren in the Truth & Profession of the Gospel of Christ Jesus & Remain simply this short Account of the Affairs of Truth among us we in abundings of Pure Love bid you farewell & Remain

Your Friends & Brethren

Signed by Order & on behalf of the Meeting

[illegible] Quarterly Meeting held at [illegible] for Ann Arundel

Meeting & meeting ffor Sufferings were both Read to Mutual
cumfort & Satisfaction of this Meeting and the Wholesome co
Epistles from Our ffriends & Brethren at their Yearly Meetings
Kingdom of Great Britain & Ireland in the 3rd last as also ffrom the
Yearly Meeting of Our Brethren in Pensilvania & the Jarseys
Epistle dated the 1st of 4th Month 1726 was Read & being
Read in the Meeting & ffor the Comfort of this Meeting.

Here was Read an Epistle of Love from Our Well Esteemed ffriend
John Richardson of Lankashier in Great Britain Dated the 21
of the 3d Month 1726 which is kindly rec.d and it is Desired for Reason
Councell may be Observed.

An Epistle of Our Dear Esteemed ffriend William Yeo
the Monthly Meeting of ffriends at Ratcliff in London the 9th of 11mo 17
to ye ffriends the Morning Meeting the 21st of the same M. were Read in
this Meeting and well to Satisfaction.

A Copy of Our Well Esteemed ffriends Samuel Love's Epistle from
a Monthly Meeting at Bristol in Great Britain the 10th of 2m
1727 as also from ye Ministers Meeting at Salem in West Jarsey the 5th of 3m
being Read were to Satisfaction.

There being a Prohibition at the Meeting of Ministers
of Robt Barclays Apology it is Recommended to the several Quarterly
Meetings to consider How many each Quarterly Meeting will take and
Return their Answer to Our next Yearly Meeting and that Information
be Given to the Meeting for Sufferings that they may provide
provide a proper Quantity of Suitable Paper for the Books by the last Month
they Meet.

This Meeting Desires That Rodman Jacob Mott John Wanton Wm Anthony
Joseph Leigh Jonathan Peckham & Thos Richardson do draw Epistles from this Meeting to the Yearly
Meetings of Our ffriends in London Pensilvania &c Inclining
also to the several Quarterly Meetings belonging to this Meeting
to be Given in the Name & behalf of this Meeting.

It is also Desired that the ffriends who are to procure paper for the
Books do write to the Yearly Meeting of ffriends in
Pensilvania to Procure

This Meeting is Adjourned to Time & place as Usual

From Our Yearly Meeting held on Rhode Island [illegible] by
Adjournment from the 28th day of the 4th mo. to the [illegible]

[illegible] Dear and well Beloved Friends & Brethren

[illegible] is Extended unto You with earnest desires that we a people so highly favour[illegible]
Divine Kindness may in great humility & reverence walk [illegible]
[illegible] great Love is attended in a good degree with the Refreshing Presence
of Him wherein the Hearts of Many were made to Rejoyce and the Courts &
Places of the Church were Edified and Managed in Love & Unity & Brotherly
[illegible] Advices from the several Quarterly Meetings [illegible]
is generally maintained amongst Friends & in divers places they are well
concerned for Maintaining Truths Testimony in the several branches thereof
[illegible] the Pain & Labour which many
[illegible] Travail & Care
[illegible] Increase & more general Soundness is Breaking forth
[illegible] Increases in Our Country The view and consideration whereof Engages
[illegible] Heart in Desires & Supplications to the Lord of the Harvest
[illegible] Goodness may be pleased yet to Raise up and Send forth many
more faithfull Labourers for the gathering in and perfecting His Graces to
the Glory of His great Name.

Your General or [illegible] Epistle of 17-6 as also a [illegible] Epistle
in the morning sitting and Meeting for Sufferings were Read in this Meeting
to the [illegible] Short also it is Matter of Satisfaction to perceive a Christian
[illegible] Maintained in You for the prosperity of Truth &
[illegible] Reflect over Borders the promotion whereof [illegible]
most Care & Diligence.

Altho Our Partakings [illegible] of the Publick Calamities
[illegible] yet it is pleasing unto us to perceive you are Mindfull
mourning for a more general Ease.

This was signed in behalf of the Meeting & sent by Joanna Harding

Quarterly Meetings [illegible] upon whose [illegible] are the[illegible]

[illegible] Thomas Richardson [illegible]

[illegible] Quarterly Meeting & [illegible] Jesse Tacheus [illegible] Peter Varney [illegible]

[illegible] Robert Vanly present

[illegible] Friends for the Honour of God and

[illegible] Elders whom the Lord hath [illegible]

[illegible] Epistles & Minutes [illegible] Quarterly Meeting [illegible]

[illegible] Epistle from the Quarterly Meeting [illegible]

[illegible] Epistle from the Quarterly Meeting at Sandwich [illegible]

[illegible] Epistle from the Quarterly Meeting at Falmouth

to send an Account of their said Proceedings if same be together with Friends
sufferings to Our Correspondents in London, Desiring their renewed care to
[illegible] if it shou be in that Case.

[illegible] as also a particular written Epistle Dated London the 8th of [illegible]

This Meeting being sensible of the care and great Labour of Our Friends
[illegible] Concerning
[illegible] to conclude the matter to the Satisfaction of Friends
[illegible] Sides that the Quarterly Meeting
[illegible] the Quarterly Meeting
[illegible] Sandwich and Nantucket Except Friends
[illegible] as soon as may be Collected and Delivered to John Hunter &c
to be sent to Richard Partridge in such Specie or manner as they may
[illegible] Acceptable.

The Committee appointed to Draw those Minutes Intended to be made the
Rules as follows Viz That as to that Minute Relating to Condemnations It is in the
[illegible] Sufficient and it is hoped Friends will not Recommit of Debates thereon
And as to the Other Relating to Marriages in the Line That Whereas there
is a Minute Since to this purpose of Rhode Island that their might be a Certain
[illegible] Degree that Friends Relating to Marriages in the Line
Should not allowing any to Marry among us nearer than the third Cousin in
Consanguinity and there having been Several Second Cousin
[illegible] Meeting that have been permitted to Marry among us which
[illegible] Should have Caused Some Disputes and not Easy for to avoid
[illegible] to the Disturbance of the Churches in many places and for prevention
[illegible] for the future It is concluded by this Meeting that for the future
that is to say the Children of first Cousins should be Married
[illegible] the Consent Thereof as to the Children of any other Cousins
are hereby desired to labour with them and endeavour to persuade them to
[illegible] to prevent Such Marriages but if they should Marry
[illegible] Meeting that the Children of Such Marriages
[illegible] to Marry among us

An Account of the Sufferings from the Quarterly Meeting of Rhode Island being
[illegible] and approved being chiefly for Presbyterian Priests Rates
amounting to [illegible] and ordered to be [illegible]

[illegible] Concerning the Peace

This Meeting desires Thomas Leach & Thomas Richardson to write an
to the Yearly Meeting of Friends in London, & John Wanton John Casey &
Caleb Feckham to the yearly Meeting of Friends on Long Island and on
Pennsylvania & John Pugmire & James Carter & James Brown to Carry
Epistles to the several Meetings Concerning the Affairs
Wants. It having been represented to this Meeting that Thomas
Thomas Shoeman who was Clerk of this Meeting Thomas Richardson is
appointed and desired to be Clerk in his room
It is the Inclination of this Meeting that a Thousand
from the Yearly Meeting
have care to furnish with Books for said Yearly Meeting
may find most Expedient, and also to inform them what Books are
this Way can. And all Friends who have subscribed for said Books are
desired to send their Money in season, to the Friends who are Going to
for said Books.
The Business of the Yearly Meeting to be done to the best
Year at time and place as Occasion

This Opportunity of Meeting in a Solemn
to wait on here and not only
also seen here by his Heavenly
and Family throughout the
Ruler who is forever worthy
Epistle as also that
Letters
and desire we may according to our measure
to know your good Enquiries.
Friends from the several quarters we are
that Love and Unity is like among us in good cause Maintained such
in Religious concerns is growing on some of
Testimony to the Earth who it is hoped as they
and Fruitfulness to the same Term with

forward to you the Names of many Godly Persons as Ears & con
cur Prayers the Lord in his Wisdom has Seen not to hear
we believe the Persecution against them appeared strong against him
to have Truth Exalted it is not altogether Silenced even Souls
in several Places where Friends have been Visited

As to the Sufferings of Friends in the Massachusetts Colony on
account of Religion and Presbyterian Priests we are glad that you
have Satisfaction to make application for Friends Relief at the
Season may Present & since they have in some Places ceased much
about the Persons Laws are yet in force and the same Spirit of
Persecution yet alive so that in divers Places some good Friends have
been considerable Sufferers and Distresses of late have been brought
up to this Meeting wherein we may [illegible] the Sum of £70. 1. 0

Forasmuch as our Friend William Ellery who was [illegible]
for this Meeting is removed by Death we appointed Dear
Friends Walter Newberry & Peter Crucknell to wait on him, with
sincere Desires to the God of all Grace for the Continuance of
his Blessings on his Children and that he in his great Wisdome
may [illegible] the work of Reformation & Sanctification in the
Hearts of the Children of Men to the Glory of his own name we bid
you farwell and remain.

Signed by Order and on
behalf of the said Meeting

Henry Reynolds Clerk

Wm Hall
Joseph Wanton
John Proctor
Wm Baxter
John Wanton
Wm Anthony
John Easton
Peleg Fish
John Hammet
Jonas Casey
Caleb Greene
Richard Sprat

[illegible] for Meetings a
[illegible]

[illegible] Meeting
Meetings were called upon Their Representatives are as follow
[illegible] Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting Jacob Mott, John Jones
[illegible] Abraham Brownell & Josiah Wilbur Anthony [illegible] inter
Thomas Rodman & Nathan Starbuck present &

[illegible] Quarterly Meeting [illegible] Burnal Eastmain Stocker
John Toomly & Joshua Buffum present

[illegible] Meeting [illegible]
[illegible] Divine Wisdom & Authority [illegible]
[illegible] to pray [illegible] Solicitude, that Friends
[illegible] may be preserved in Love and Unity,
[illegible] Concerns may be conducted to the Glory of God,
[illegible] in the Honour of Truth & Edification of his People
[illegible] Business was [illegible] delivered [illegible]
[illegible] Friends of Easton [illegible]
[illegible] Request this Meetings determination the Matter being circumstanced
[illegible] it is Referd for further consideration of this Meeting Next
[illegible] the 10th Instant.

[illegible] Meeting
[illegible]

[illegible] Meeting [illegible]
[illegible] Meeting considered [illegible]
[illegible] standing committe who may have the care & Oversight
[illegible]
[illegible] to [illegible]
[illegible] Anthony, Joseph Evans, Moses
[illegible] Thomas Pearce [illegible]
[illegible] determine concerning the Requirement presented by
[illegible] Easton this Meeting is of Judgment that the Re
[illegible] Meeting [illegible]

in Order to Endeavour for the ease of Suffering Friends [illegible]

[illegible] Meeting, And for as Much as the Money is [illegible] Expended it is agreed that the sum [illegible]

They also present an Acct. of Friends Suffering & Amounts to Twenty Eight pounds 6 S. being part for Friends Refusing to pay Rates & Tithes & Priests Rates but Chiefly for Friends not Paying Priests Rates.

They also present an Acct. of Sufferings by way of Distraining Our Friend Jonathan Tyler of Great Britain Deceased [illegible] Other Friends as mentioned [illegible]

Friend Wm. Holmes in Great Britain.

[illegible] Meeting of Sandwich [illegible] Meetings both first & fourth days of the week & Friends That [illegible] Meeting [illegible] Eight pounds as desired, Six of which is Returned to them Therefore & £2 to Thos. Chase which makes up the Sixty pounds desired by the Yearly Meeting [illegible] Meeting Informs that they have not of late been in the practice of Visiting Families [illegible]

[illegible] Meeting [illegible]

[illegible] Epistle from the Yearly Meeting of [illegible]

At the General Yearly Meeting held at Newport in Rhode Island for New England began the 15th day of the 4th month 1730 and continued to the 21st day at the 4th hour afternoon the Meeting for Church Discipline began at Newport where the Several Quarterly Meetings are Viz.t

[illegible]

Nathan Stanwick and Tho.s Richardson present

[illegible]

[illegible] that our Brethren [illegible] part were carried on in peace and to Satisfaction. That their Brethren [illegible] Nevertheless appear [illegible] to see into the Various Circumstances of the Case [illegible] Yearly Meeting [illegible] Epistle from the Quarterly Meeting of Rhode Island [illegible] have Received that part [illegible] Yearly Meeting [illegible] Friends [illegible] Yearly Meeting [illegible] Friends [illegible] Yearly Meeting [illegible] Friends

At Our Yearly Meeting held at Choptank Island for Northern Parts
began at Third month the 18th & the 4th in 1731 & continued
on the 11th day at 4 afternoon at the Meeting
began at Nanticoke & the several Quarterly Meetings
belonging to it were called over & Representatives
for Choptank Quarterly Meeting John Parker & Anthony
Sudan as first Joseph Dennis & Jonathan Dennis present.
For Nanticoke Quarterly Meeting John Parker & Anthony
Sudan as first Joseph Dennis & Jonathan Dennis present.
For Salem Quarterly Meeting Jeremiah Andrew & Abigail Bagnall present.
For Sandwich Ebenezer Wing present.

A Epistle from the Yearly Meeting of Pennsylvania & New Jersey
concerns of the Church under their care Love Unity is in
good degree Maintained generally among Friends & the
Master Preserve Families hath Most meetings
we with diligence & great care that
it Under the Best Satisfaction They are
Friends of Choptank for Priests Rates which Amounts to £23: 17: 00
is delivered to Nicholas Easton to Record.
A Epistle from the Yearly Meeting of Salem and Maryland an
Account Sufferings of the Friends of Kittery &c. for Priests Rates which
Amounts to £10: 6 & Record & also from Nicholas Easton to Our Friends
that they have not as fully Informed of the State of the meeting & Friends
Affairs among them as could be desired
This Meeting Concurrs with the Advice of the
Yearly Meeting.
A Epistle from the Yearly Meeting of Pennsylvania & New Jersey
Love Unity & Peace
Friends that
Meeting
Meeting
Meeting

[illegible] Quarterly Meeting held at Burlington for Burlington & Evesham Counties
commenced the 10th Day of the 4th Month & held the same 1731.

[illegible] Friends are Desired to meet at [illegible]

Yearly Meeting held in Burlington the 2d Day of the 5th Month 1732.

A Meeting Blessed the Lord our Gracious God, who never fails to Refresh and Replenish those who truly waite upon and Seek unto him & Right in the Solemn greatness of his Divine presence in a good degree Sweet & Savourable & weighty testimonys were Borne to the Information of the Ignorant & Refreshing the Faithful [illegible] the Churches of Christ throughout the World.

You may also be Informed that the Meeting for Sufferings was very Large as ever and the Business of truth was carried on in Love & Unity to the Satisfaction of the Whole Meeting & Friends from the several Quarters Manifested great Satisfaction & Content in their Minds in the Love & Unity that was Manifested in the Meeting.

A Disposition still continues amongst many Friends to Encourage the Printing Such Books as may be Serviceable to Truth & Friends.

Friends Concerned in the Government of this Province & Territories thereof are Desired to Continue their Care & Endeavours to Discourage the Importation & Sale of Negroes & Indian Slaves & to Encourage the Importation of Servants for a Time & Such Servants as Behave Well to be Set Free at the Time Limited by Law.

Friends are Desired to Keep in Remembrance the Poor & Needy Widows & Fatherless & Such as are Destitute of Outward Substance & to Extend Relief to them as Occasion may require.

Friends are Desired to Keep in Remembrance the Poor Indians & to Encourage their Children to Come to School & Learn to Read & Write.

Friends are Desired to Keep in Remembrance the Poor Negroes & to Encourage their Masters to Instruct them in Reading the Holy Scriptures & to Encourage them to Come to Meetings.

Friends are Desired to Keep in Remembrance the Poor Prisoners for Debt & to Extend Relief to them as Occasion may require.

Friends are Desired to Keep in Remembrance the Poor Sick & Afflicted & to Extend Relief to them as Occasion may require.

Friends are Desired to Keep in Remembrance the Poor Blind & to Extend Relief to them as Occasion may require.

Friends are Desired to Keep in Remembrance the Poor Deaf & Dumb & to Extend Relief to them as Occasion may require.

Friends are Desired to Keep in Remembrance the Poor Lame & to Extend Relief to them as Occasion may require.

Friends are Desired to Keep in Remembrance the Poor Idiots & to Extend Relief to them as Occasion may require.

Friends are Desired to Keep in Remembrance the Poor Mad & to Extend Relief to them as Occasion may require.

Friends are Desired to Keep in Remembrance the Poor Drunkards & to Extend Relief to them as Occasion may require.

Friends are Desired to Keep in Remembrance the Poor Gamblers & to Extend Relief to them as Occasion may require.

Friends are Desired to Keep in Remembrance the Poor Swearers & to Extend Relief to them as Occasion may require.

Friends are Desired to Keep in Remembrance the Poor Liars & to Extend Relief to them as Occasion may require.

Friends are Desired to Keep in Remembrance the Poor Thieves & to Extend Relief to them as Occasion may require.

Friends are Desired to Keep in Remembrance the Poor Murderers & to Extend Relief to them as Occasion may require.

Friends are Desired to Keep in Remembrance the Poor Adulterers & to Extend Relief to them as Occasion may require.

Friends are Desired to Keep in Remembrance the Poor Fornicators & to Extend Relief to them as Occasion may require.

Friends are Desired to Keep in Remembrance the Poor Sodomites & to Extend Relief to them as Occasion may require.

Friends are Desired to Keep in Remembrance the Poor Bestialists & to Extend Relief to them as Occasion may require.

Friends are Desired to Keep in Remembrance the Poor Incestuous & to Extend Relief to them as Occasion may require.

Friends are Desired to Keep in Remembrance the Poor Polygamists & to Extend Relief to them as Occasion may require.

Friends are Desired to Keep in Remembrance the Poor Monogamists & to Extend Relief to them as Occasion may require.

Friends are Desired to Keep in Remembrance the Poor Celibates & to Extend Relief to them as Occasion may require.

Friends are Desired to Keep in Remembrance the Poor Virgins & to Extend Relief to them as Occasion may require.

Friends are Desired to Keep in Remembrance the Poor Widowers & to Extend Relief to them as Occasion may require.

Friends are Desired to Keep in Remembrance the Poor Orphans & to Extend Relief to them as Occasion may require.

Friends are Desired to Keep in Remembrance the Poor Foundlings & to Extend Relief to them as Occasion may require.

Friends are Desired to Keep in Remembrance the Poor Bastards & to Extend Relief to them as Occasion may require.

Friends are Desired to Keep in Remembrance the Poor Illegitimates & to Extend Relief to them as Occasion may require.

Friends are Desired to Keep in Remembrance the Poor Legitimates & to Extend Relief to them as Occasion may require.

Friends are Desired to Keep in Remembrance the Poor Adopted & to Extend Relief to them as Occasion may require.

Friends are Desired to Keep in Remembrance the Poor Disowned & to Extend Relief to them as Occasion may require.

Friends are Desired to Keep in Remembrance the Poor Reinstated & to Extend Relief to them as Occasion may require.

Friends are Desired to Keep in Remembrance the Poor Reproved & to Extend Relief to them as Occasion may require.

Friends are Desired to Keep in Remembrance the Poor Admonished & to Extend Relief to them as Occasion may require.

Friends are Desired to Keep in Remembrance the Poor Disciplined & to Extend Relief to them as Occasion may require.

Friends are Desired to Keep in Remembrance the Poor Excommunicated

At Our Yearly Meeting held on Rhode Island formerly called
at Portsmouth the 8th of the 4th mo. 1732 for worship & on the 9th day in
the afternoon the Meeting for Discipline began and the
and the several Quarterly Meetings thereto belonging began as
upon their former times as aforesaid.

For Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting John Tucker & Nathaniel Sanford
Jedediah Joseph Brownell Giles Slocum Nathan Sherman
Thomas Richardson present

For Salem Quarterly Meeting Peleg Peace Jonathan Easton
Collins and Samuel Hazard Jones

For Sandwich Mathias Forshand & Edward Perry

By An Epistle from Nantucket Meeting of which being informed
they have under favour of Divine Goodness held their Meetings in
peace and the concerns thereof have been carried on in a degree of (unity
in love & Condescension & that notwithstanding the many Endeavours
used to create disunion & Confusion among them they still remain
Loving to Men in Power & Civil Ministers. That they have paid the Sum
of £20 pounds to Tho Easton for the service of the Yearly Meeting as was
desired

By An Epistle from Salem Quarterly Meeting they inform that by their
poor & scattered Monthly Meetings Friends are generally in love &
Unity. They also send an Acct of the Sufferings of Friends in Kittery
in the County of York and Province of the Massachusetts Bay for Rates
& Taxes amounting to £15:10: which is approved & delivered to Tho Easton
to be Recorded. They also send the Sum of Eight Pounds in £6-
sent by the last Yearly Meeting held at which the Sums amounted
to the last Yearly Meeting which is all delivered to the Treasurer
for this Meeting.

By Epistle from the Quarterly Meeting of Sandwich [illegible]
[illegible] kept up They also signify it is matter of great Sorrow
that the Lisbon Ship of the Cabel is not yet arrived [illegible]
to give an account to this Meeting what is become of their Goods. Is desired
our Friends John Bowne Junr Robert Mucher & David Wills visit
the Yearly Meeting Quarterly Meeting [illegible]
at Rhode Island on account of Sufferings But may be excused
[illegible] is done by the last Yearly Meeting.

This Meeting is Adjourned to Next 2d day 4th 12th Instant at the 11 hour
in the Morning.

The Meeting is accordingly met on the 12th Day according to Adjournment
& began by Thomas Oakley a little after the time proceeded to Business.

An Epistle from the Yearly Meeting held at London in the Year 1731 was Read to Satisfaction & the Wholesom Caution and Counsel therein are Cordially received
& recommended to the Observation of Friends.

Also Read Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of Our Friends & Brethren
in Pennsylvania & New York dated in the Year 1731 Expressing their Unity
with us and Concern for our Welfare & Prosperity in the Truth
as the Account of Travels & Sufferings of Friends in those parts.

[illegible]

for the Ease of Friends there & Where it can not they leave it entirely with their Brethren & that Receipts &c. of Several Law is made Void in Our Favour the not fully to Friends Satisfaction but Friends are here to Stil Desirous to continue their Endeavours in such Way & Manner as they may find most proper way to Come At it is the Mind of this Meeting that the Epistle be Drawn & Sent to the General Assembly for their favour they have Shown to Us in particular Manner to Governor Bellet, who we understand has been active in his Endeavours on Friends behalf as also to Elegant Lindal Bridge of the Governs Council therein. The Committy Appointed to Settle the Accts with Thomas Lloyd are Desired to make Report at that they have Ready Since here is the Sum of Twenty Nine Pounds Two Shillings & One from the Treasurer at this Meeting.

The Committy for Publishing Advices to Clear the Accounts is Still Continued for the Ensuing Year with Some Rules as before & it is also Desired that they Draw up any Corrections concerning Same Necessary & that they Draw up Such their Corrections Signed under their Hands to the Clerk of the Meeting.

A Certificate of Our Esteemed Friend [illegible] from Kingston upon Hull Monthly Meeting of Guisborough in the County of York in Great Britain Dated the 6th of 12 mo. 173 0/1 was Read to the Satisfaction of this Meeting.

A Certificate of Our Esteemed Friend Ruth Johnson from the Monthly Meeting held in Dublin the 6th of 2 mo. 1731 was Read to the Satisfaction of Friends Also a Certificate of Our Esteemed Friend Hugh Cyfick from the Monthly Meeting of Friends at Salem in West New Jersey the 27th of 1 mo 173 0/1 being Read was to Satisfaction.

Forasmuch as this Meeting is not prepared to pay into the Treasurer the Sum of £82:9:9 Due to Sum and the Wanting the Money, John Casey & Ed. Bradford are Desired to take it Some on Interest on the Behalf of this Meeting & the several Quarterly Meetings are Desired to Send in the Subscriptions for R. Barclay's Books as Soon as may be.

The Accounts concerning Barclay's Apologies being Not Yet Compleated Friends are Desired to perform the Same.

Friends of this Quarterly Meeting propose it may be Convenient to Set up a Yearly Meeting at the Towns of Smithfield & thereon which Matter is Referred to the Next Yearly Meeting for Consideration.

The Quarterly Meeting of Ministers & Elders is Desired that they may be Held a Quarterly Meeting in the Month & that it may be on the 7th Day of the Week & Accordingly this Day is Appointed for the Said Meeting in the 7th Month & that to be at Richard on the 2d Day of the week which is Accordingly Agreed to.

Our Friends Giles Shinn & Benjamin Rich are Desired to Draw up an Epistle to the Quarterly Meetings Recommending the Necessary Concerns & Service thereof to Some in Order for this Meeting.

John Casey & Thomas Lloyd are Desired to Draw up an Epistle from this to the Yearly Meeting of London & Transmit it to the Yearly Meetings of Pennsylvania & New York.

The Business of this Meeting being gone Through It is Adjourned to the Next Year &c.

At Our General Yearly Meeting [illegible] for New England began at Portsmouth the 2d of the 4th mo. 1732 & was held by Adjournment to the 7th following Inclusive

Upon their Representatives are viz.

For Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting [illegible]

For Dartmouth Quarterly Meeting, Benj.a Brownell, Charles Jenings, and Jonathan Boyce,

For Sandwich Quarterly Meeting [illegible]

For Salem Quarterly Meeting [illegible]

For Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting [illegible] Meetings in good Order & Christian Love. That Notwithstanding Matters of Affliction & Exercise [illegible] amongst them, the Discipline & the Order in several places is carried on to pretty good Satisfaction. That Love & Unity in the General is Maintained, That Notwithstanding the Labours & Endeavours [illegible] by too many upon Occasions taken Liberty to [illegible] they have reason to hope Truth prevails in divers places & That the Lord is carrying on his Work of Reformation in the hearts of Men preparing & Preparing Instruments for his Service. That also many is the Work of Visiting Families & Meetings have been [illegible] Tho' Visitation Hath Caused a Cessation of all the Meetings yet are [illegible] the bitter Exercisings of Friends Minds, which being considered it was by them also Thought proper that the Yearly Meeting should be Adjourned at this Meeting, & Accordingly it is Desired by the Several Quarterly Meetings, or Meeting [illegible] some of them to meet to-morrow Morning at the 8 hours & there Sit with & Make Report of their Judgment Respecting [illegible] next 2d day, and as many Concerned Friends as think proper are desired to Meet with them.

This Meeting is Adjourned unto Next 2d day the 11th [illegible] Morning.

The Meeting being Gathered on the 11th day according to Adjournment proceed to Business.

An Epistle from the Yearly Meeting of Our Brethren in Old England in Edmondson Anno 1732 was Read in this Meeting & the Contents thereof Carefully Observation of Friends.

Epistles from Our Friends and Brethren at Shrewsbury and Hitchin in Buckinghamshire in the 7th mo. 1732 & at Hertford gives

[illegible] with 3 mo. last were [illegible] the concerns of Truth amongst them.

It appearing to this Meeting that the Service of Gospel Ministry [illegible] yet Sufficient in any to discharge the Friends [illegible] Meeting Exhorted & Desired to continue their care in that [illegible] Meeting

the Affairs appointed by the last yearly Meeting in make Report
of the Present Appearance in that Nation & Letters
Acknowledging his Favours to Friends which he Gave
an Opportunity to Signify his Intention of Future Remittances
in his Power &
from each Acknowledgment
each Quarterly Meeting.
[illegible]
the Interest of the Money to John Cary or to his Order.
[illegible]
Meadows &c
[illegible]
Appointment make Return to this Meeting that they Consider it
be Entered in the Minutes to
Pennsylvania & the Jerseys in Such Respects
Minutes the Yearly Meeting there for their Consideration
Approbation as in Wisdom they may be directed
and Tho[s] Richardson are desired to take the Request
Service.
The same Committy formerly Appointed to Draw Memorials
continued for the Ensueing Year under the Same rules as
Several Certificates of Our Esteemed Friend Mungo Bewley from the
Monthly Meeting of Friends in Edenderry in Ireland 4[o] 17[th] of 3 m[o]
1732 from the Quarterly Meeting held at Carlo in Ireland
the 25 of 3 m[o] also a Certificate from the
Quarterly Meeting held at Carlo in Relation were Read to the Satis-
faction of Friends.
A Certificate of Our Esteemed Friend Sam[l] Stephens from
Meeting of Ardbraton in the County of Wexford in Ireland 4[o] 3
1732 was Read to the Satisfaction of Friends.
Certificates of Our Esteemed Friends Abel Morgan
Meeting of Friends in Cardiff in Wales the 25[th] of 2[d] m[o] 1732
Quarterly Meeting held at Westmore the 5[th] of 3[d] m[o]
were Read to the Satisfaction of Friends.
Certificates for Our Esteemed Friend [illegible]
Meeting held in Kendal the 5[th] of 3 m[o] 1732 and from the Quarterly
Meeting held at Kendal the Same were Read to the Satisfaction of
Friends.
[illegible] from Salem Quarterly Meeting held at [illegible]
first day of Week Such Meetings are not [illegible]
could be desired that Our Friendly Intercourse
and they are in hopes [illegible]
among them.
Our Friends Sam[l] Easton & Jonathan Bowne are desired to Draw
from this to the Several Quarterly Meetings Recommending the
Concerns from this Meeting.
John Cary & Mark Reynier are desired to Draw Epistles
to the Quarterly Meetings of our Friends at [illegible]
Meeting & Correspondence
Epistles to be Brought the Quarterly Meeting of Friends
Approved & Signed Thereat.
Epistles from our Ancient Friends [illegible]

[illegible] Quarterly Meeting held at [illegible] for Dartmouth [illegible] began at [illegible] on the 4th Day in the afternoon the Meeting for Church Discipline began at Newport, and the several Quarterly Meetings being called upon their Representatives are

West — Hudson Quarterly meeting [illegible] Isaac Hadock and Charles Coman present
Rhode Island Quarterly meeting Jonathan Boyce, Robt Peckey James Haydon and Zacheus Collins present
[illegible] Quarterly Meeting [illegible] Edward Burling

[illegible] Joseph Edmonds [illegible] with the Minute that Isaac [illegible] Report [illegible] future.

The Matter of Setting up a yearly Meeting at Nine Partners is referred to the next Yearly Meeting for Pennsylvania &c

The Epistle from the Quarterly meeting of Philadelphia for the West side Delaware & Potomack, Virginia & Maryland was read, and the Friends appointed to prepare an Epistle in answer thereto, report that they have prepared one accordingly which was read and approved.

The Matters [illegible] Yearly Meeting for Pennsylvania &c and desire that a Yearly Meeting of Friends may begin on the 4th Day of the week before the 2d 5th Month next, that those Friends who come for, may with the better [illegible] not come if so minded to their own first day meeting [illegible] after which is accordingly agreed to, That is to say the [illegible] Day of the week before the 2d 5th Month [illegible] Yearly Meeting.

[illegible] Minutes [illegible] Meeting [illegible] Committee of [illegible] Meeting [illegible] Yearly Meeting [illegible] Meeting [illegible] Meeting [illegible]

Meeting
The Cetna Gathered on the 17th Day abovesaid [illegible]
[illegible] Bennet.

[illegible] from the [illegible] Meeting [illegible]
Comittee [illegible] that [illegible]
[illegible] of the Meeting [illegible]
[illegible] Friends.

Joseph Edmonds & John Casey make return That on a Settlement with the Widow Sarah Creek the Ballance in her hands due to this Meeting is £[illegible] 6s 5d Lawful Money which Roseman as Treasurer to this Meeting is desired to Receive.

The Committee appointed to [illegible] concerning the Papers of Elizabeth Nocton having made som alteration in the Papers [illegible] Meeting to which they desire may be added as [illegible] Nocton without any further Controversy [illegible] Beech and Nathaniel Pritchett being desired to [illegible] accompt with John Newton and Thomas Richardson concerning [illegible] Bussey's Apologies make Return to this meeting that the Books Reciev are 745)
Remains in y[e] Printers hands 255 } 1000
That the Printer has been paid the sum of £[illegible]
There remains in y[e] hands of John Newton and [illegible] £[illegible]
and in the hands of Thomas Richardson [illegible]

A Certificate of Dan[l] and Eleanor Friend Zachariah Dixon dated from the Monthly Meeting of Camden [illegible] the 6th of 12mo 1737 and also from the Monthly Meeting at Little River the 5th of 12mo Curr[t] was to the Satisfaction of this Meeting.

By Epistles from the Quarterly Meetings [illegible]
[illegible] in a general way [illegible]

By an Epistle from the Quarterly meeting of Salem [illegible] informs that Love and Unity in a good degree is maintained [illegible] Meeting [illegible] Friends [illegible] a concern for Truth may increase in Friends Humbly [illegible] at our Quarterly [illegible]

Friends having had [illegible] consideration [illegible] Friends &c. do think proper to Appoint a Comitty to [illegible] Minutes and Make such remarks thereon [illegible] they in their wisdom may think Needful [illegible] Monthly Meeting, They are also desired to look over [illegible] collect what they think proper from the Minutes &c. [illegible] Quarterly and Yearly Meetings [illegible] Friends [illegible] Many Knowledge [illegible]

to meet at such times as they think proper.

It appearing to this Meeting [illegible] in the Massachusetts Government [illegible]

Therefore desired that Our Friends Samuel Dove Seth Pidrick & Benjamin Bagnall do make application to the Authority of that Government for [illegible] and Bring their Accot. of Cost that Affair as also in the other case of the Friends of Bellingham to the Quarterly Meeting of Rhode Island to be approved & paid out of the Meeting Stock.

Whereas there is Interest due for Eighty Pounds taken upon the Account of the Meeting Stock [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[

Dogue with his Blessed Presence to the removing many
Hearts and succeeding diligence of his servants to bring many
to life and saving Testimonies in the Demonstration of the Spirit
tending to the Edification of the Church of God in this Island
and the Concerns of Discipline that came before us were carried

By the Account brought up to this Meeting Friends in a general
way Dwell in Good Unity and a Concern Rest on the Minds

the Churches and we have encouraging Prospects Truth is prevailing
in several parts of this Country Notwithstanding the Enemies
but Rejoiceth and the Lord is here & there raising up such as
we hope may succeed the present Elders and be Instruments of
in when they are gon to Rest.

This Meeting is now generally meeting 1733
which is to Mutuall Satisfaction and it is hoped your Christian
care and wholsom Cautions, Counsell and advice therein may
have a good Effect.

The Province generally remain at Ease on Account of Publick
Affairs & the chief Unity is the Mischeifs you
were Exposed to and Preserved from
Dear Friends we Love you & Pray for your
May the Almighty continue his Favours and the Exultations
of his Love unto his People and More and More winn upon the
Power on the Hearts of Mankind to Love fear and Serve him
in Unity to his Glory and Praise who is
worthy forever and Ever Amen

Signed in & on Behalf of said Meeting
by

Your Friends.

At our General Yearly Meeting held on Rhode Island for New England began at Portsmouth for Worship the 12th of 4th mo 1737
and on the 13th day in the afternoon the Meeting for Church Affairs began at Newport where the several Quarterly Meetings being called upon their Representatives were as

For— Rhode Island Nathan Anthony John Lawton Abraham Shearman
Dartmouth Caleb Cornell Peleg Slocum
Second Smithfield Joseph Arnold Jonathan Arnold
Abner Spencer
Salem Samuel Osborne Samuel Pope & Zachariah Collins
Sandwich Ebenezer Wing

[illegible] that Meeting that [illegible]
[illegible] the last Yearly Meeting [illegible]
[illegible] Friends John Wilbur & Thomas [illegible]
[illegible] to Visit that [illegible] with the Power
[illegible] be Friendly in the best Manner they can [illegible]
their Doings thereon to the Next Yearly Meeting.

The Friends Clerk Rodman informs this meeting that [illegible]
misunderstanding of the last Year by Meeting order in the
not pay the Interest Desired so that there is now another
Interest Due, Which Sum being not sufficient to [illegible]
sary to answer the same, It is now agreed that Thirty Pound[s]
be collected to replenish the general Stock of this meet[ing]
which is appointed to several Quarterly meetings
viz. The Quarterly Meeting of [illegible] to collect [illegible]
Quarterly Meeting of [illegible] to collect [illegible]
and The Quarterly Meeting of Sittuate & Sandwich [illegible]
and as soon as conveniently can to be sent to Clerk Rod[man]
Friends for to this Meeting, who is desired to discharge the Same
mentioned Interest.

[illegible] of the Quarterly Meeting [illegible]
[illegible] at Love [illegible] day of
[illegible] affection, that the weighty work of Visiting [illegible]
Families is generally [illegible] Friends by
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] of the
[illegible] Meeting).

The Meeting being adjourned on the 16th Day intending to Adjourn
[illegible].

The Epistle from the Yearly Meeting in London in 1736 being
read unto Meeting satisfaction & comfort & this Meeting
and it is Much Desired the contents & Doctrine therein may
Diligently to be [illegible].

further consideration the setting up of a Yearly Meeting at Smithfield and Mendon is Referred back to said Quarterly Meeting and Service thereof may Report.

[illegible] Epistle to be Read at Our Yearly Meeting [illegible] Epistle to be Prepared [illegible] Meeting & Epistle [illegible] Meeting & Epistle [illegible] Meeting & Epistle

[illegible] Copies of their Minutes Elected from the Yearly
Meeting from the Monthly meeting of Dublin dated 1st of
2nd Month 1706 Came read & the Satisfaction of this meeting
Also a Certificate of their Esteem [illegible]

[illegible]

Whereas there is a matter Referd to this Meeting by Friends Servants
[illegible]
with and conciliation of this Meeting That it is contrary to our
Principles and whosoever Has or shall presume to give or receive
[illegible]

[illegible]

Whereas Friends Servants [illegible]
who are not Members of their meetings at home, doe not Intrude
into the Yearly Meeting of Business.

The Friends Appointed at the last Yearly Meeting to Peruse
consider the Minutes &c. Make the following Report [illegible]
That we have Perused & Considered the Minutes
Contained in the Books Referred to us by the Yearly Meeting
[illegible]
ing Marriages Grave Stones & Marriages in the Ancient
and Present Usage & Friendly conference thereupon
Have some Considerations thereon with regard to the Inconveni
[illegible]
Conceive that at the Making those Minutes Friends were
[illegible]

[illegible]

& Customs of People at this day, And although they were
Sincere in some things which may seem Minute or small yet
we Decline the Unsettled customs & Fashions of the world
[illegible]
[illegible]
Yet like it seems to us not unlikely as Friends Increase
[illegible]
Circumspect care Lest that the same unsettled Spirit may
give further Occasion to be particular in some other things
of the like nature or tendency, Such we Judge was the
Practice of the Primitive Holy Servants who for
Conscience sake Refused to Swear when Required
[illegible]

Subscribed in behalf and by Order of Christian Love Ecomm[ent]
[illegible]

[illegible]

Said and Read the Other or other Minute.

[illegible]

from Pensilvania which seems in general to be wise &
[illegible]

Friends Might be satisfactorily instructed in such
Cases as [illegible] said Minute & pertinent thereto
Signed in Newport this 15th of 4th m[o] 1735

Eber Chase
John Rouse
Isaac Chase
Benj[a] Smith

John Easton
Nathan Sharon
Joseph Tomlins
Sam[l] Hudson
Henry Coutier
Flo[t] Godman

From Quarterly Meeting held at Rhode Island
for New England by Adjournments from the 12th day of
the 8th m[o] to the 16th of the same Inclusive 1735
To our Elder Brethren & Brethren at the next
Yearly Meeting to be held in London 1736.

Beloved Friends

In a renewed sense of the Love
Kindness of [illegible]
[illegible]
in General and [illegible]
Degree of Universal and Divine Love do we find
[illegible] you and hereby acquaint that this our Solemn
[illegible]
[illegible]
Power and Presence of the Lord
[illegible]
[illegible] of the Church and Concerns of Truth were also con-
ducted and carried on under a good Sense of Divine Authority
with an Awe to the Honour of God and Our Holy Profession.
[illegible]
Accounts from the several Quarterly Meetings
[illegible]
Love & Unity in a general way is maintained
[illegible]
some places Observed & practised the pure good Advice
and the Lord is concerning many Faithful Friends for the
[illegible]

[illegible] continues an Openness in many Places and a Stronger Weather & Desire in many People [illegible] not with standing declared and we believe the Pious & Fervent & Concerned and Qualified Instruments hath and will make [illegible] Effect in these Countries.

We have no Account of Sufferings brought to this Meeting [illegible] Imprisonment & Fines [illegible] Distress &c. [illegible] men in the Massachusetts Government from whom have not [illegible] appear [illegible] of late [illegible] il.

We [illegible] the Printed Epistle of [illegible] in 1758 which was very much to [illegible] caution [illegible] are [illegible] with you in Desires that the [illegible] therein may be more and more observed by us and all under us and that a lively sense of the Mercyful [illegible] Countries we may Reflect on Hearts and Prepare us in Humility to make suitable Returns of Obedience & Praise to his Ever Most Holy Name who is worthy forever.

Signed by Order and on Behalf of this Meeting [illegible] by

Joseph Pike
William Parker
Lemuel [illegible]
Benjamin [illegible]
John Case
Ephraim Wright
Giles Slocum
David [illegible]

Caleb Rodman
Eliz. Richardson
Jacob Mott and
Adam Mott
Joseph Anthony
Eliz. Richardson
Wm. Anthony

At our Monthly Meeting held at Rhode Island for
New England held at Portsmouth the 10th of the 4th mo. 1736 for
Worship and the 11th Day in the afternoon in the House for Chur
Discipline began at Rumford and the second Quarterly Meetings

Hon. Peleg Sanford Esq. Deputy Governor, John Tucker, Anthony
Thomas Barker &c. only Members of this Quarterly Meeting

For Sandwich Quo. Barker & Matthew Estes Friends.

For Dartmouth Quo. Barker & Matthew Estes Friends.

The Queries being read & Answers from the several Monthly Meetings
were Considered & Brought in as follows Viz.

1st Query. Answer. Friends Care & Diligence in the Discharge of
their Duty in a good Degree is Maintained among them & they
have been careful to collect & send up the Sufferings which
which was Issued towards a General Stock.

2d Query. Answer. Friends Care & Diligence in the Discharge of their Duty in a good Degree is Maintained among them & they Meetings are pretty generally attended and that they are Careful not Sent up the 24 Queries by reason of many Meetings

as much as the Act made in the Government of the Massachusetts Exempting Friends from paying towards the Maintenance of the Ministry is Now Null & Void & Friends by this Meeting Recommend to the Authority of that Government to Grant their Request & Desires Our Friends Benj.a Bagnall Ebenezer Hemenway Hadley and Benj.a Borden or as many of them as Conveniently can attend it, Seasonably to Make Application in Our Behalf to the General Court for the same.

This Meeting Adjourns until the Next 2 day in the Last week at the Meeting House.

The Meeting met According to Adjournment the Next Day

Yearly Meeting Epistle read & Approved of & Ordered to be Recorded in this Meeting's Book & Copies thereof to be Sent to the Several Quarterly Meetings belonging to this Meeting & Also to the Yearly Meeting at Rhode Island for the Meetings there to Communicate to the Several Quarterly Meetings belonging to that Meeting.

[illegible] Epistle from the Yearly Meeting held at London
[illegible] 18th of 1735 containing a Salutation of Brotherly
[illegible] the wholesome Advice together with some Proposals to Friends
[illegible]

[illegible] Friends Minister by Our last Yearly Meeting to bear a Testimony
[illegible] Minute &c. from our Friends & Brethren at London

We the Committee having according to the Appointment of the last
[illegible] Friends of Pensilvania, and looking over
[illegible] we find one that bore in the year 1723 which was
[illegible] from Worthy to Quarterly meetings in case there
[illegible] of this Meeting for consideration Friends Expect to
[illegible] Minutes as we are ready to suppose they will then we believe
[illegible] conclude those of the Pensilvania Minute which sets forth their
[illegible] Yearly Meeting Epistle as from page 21 to 30 [illegible]
Minute in page 40 of their Book may be proper to be added to our
Minute.

Which Return is Accepted and On consideration this Meeting was unanimous
to agree to Said Minute against Appeals and agrees and Orders that the
[illegible] Minutes contained in the Book from our Friends of
Pensilvania be added to our Book of Minutes of this Meeting
[illegible] belonging to this Yearly Meeting, that our Friend Continuance
is appointed & desired to transcribe the whole of the Minute
[illegible] the Epistle from our Friends in their Church Government or Discipline
& Settlement &c. that is to say One Copy for each Monthly Meeting
belonging to this Yearly Meeting and Our Friend Samuel Fo——
[illegible] to Sign for the same.

[illegible] Friends Epistles to their Yearly Meeting
[illegible] are Continued for the ensuing Year when
[illegible] is Ordered.

It Appearing to this Meeting that Barnaby Appowens are
[illegible] will [illegible]
[illegible] are desired to write with her and get
and Testimonies in the best & most speedy manner they can and
[illegible] to sell them at the price of Sixteen Shillings pr.
Whereas no Account of Sufferings is brought in to this Meeting
[illegible] desired to be careful in Matters relating
to Friends Service.

Our Friends Caleb Cowman and Joseph Scott are desired
[illegible] this to the Yearly Meeting of Friends in Pensilvania
[illegible] & the Records thereto belonging
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]
New England to [illegible]
to the 11th of the Same Instant 1736

To our Elder Friends and Brethren at their next Quarterly
Meeting to be held in London Anno 1737.

Dearly Beloved

We Salute You in the love and fellowship
of the Gospel of Peace and Salvation desi-
ring in great[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

A [illegible] held on Rhode Island for New England began at Portsmouth the 9th of the 4th mo 1737 for Worship and on the 16th day in the afternoon the Meeting for Discipline began at which time the Representatives were called upon and their Representatives are Viz:

For Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, John Tucker, Jonathan Gibs, Jeremiah Wanton & Nicholas Carr Present
Coleman and Thomas Richardson Present
Salem, Benjn Bagnall, Samuel Rye, James Nadon & Zacheus Collins present
Sandwich, Thomas Moreland and Caleb Barker present

By Epistles for the Quarterly Meeting of Rhode Island from all the Monthly Meetings are kept up said pretty well attended, that a good degree of Love in the general is manifested and the exercises of Discipline for the most part, have been carried on in a spirit of Condescension and there seems good grounds to hope for their prevailing Reformation in those things wherein they are at present Defective. Also informs that Several Minutes of the Yearly Meeting are Omitted in the Books of Minutes which were directed by a Minute of the last Yearly Meeting, This Meeting therefore appoints and desires Our Friends Sam[ll] Rowes, William Anthony, Joseph Easton & John Slocum to inspect into that Matter and make return to this Meeting Next 2[d] day. and

Also informs that a Difference has happened between Lawrence Nicks and Ben[n] Cornell late of Newport, that the Quarterly Meeting of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting did [illegible] and that the said Nicks had appealed to their Quarterly Meeting whereupon the said Nicks and Cornell came to this Meeting and had given us [illegible] that the said Nicks and Cornell having taken Notice of their Request from the Quarterly Meeting and may be made thereof [illegible]

[illegible] Matter and bring it to this Meeting.

[illegible] peaceably and in Love and Unity, That their Meetings Kept up and the Exercises of Discipline carried on for the more [illegible] Condescension & Inclination.

[illegible] laid among them, that their first Days and week days meetings [illegible] as to Discipline it is not so well kept up as [illegible]

[illegible] 13th day according to appointment
the time appointed proceeded

Meeting of
In London
ffriends & Brethren Anno: 1730 as a particular with a Epistle
to this Meeting were Read to mutual Satisfaction and it is
greatly desired the Counsel and admonition therein may be
more and more observed by all ffriends, as also ffriendly Epistles
[illegible]
[illegible]
from a Gathering & Blessing of the Spirit of
Truth among them.

Certificates of Unity and Love from ffriends, Horsham
Kindly dated from the Monthly Meeting of Pardoes the
[illegible] of the 2d Mo: 1730
as also one from ffriends John Fothergill &c
Kendal Monthly Meeting Dated 4th 3d Mo: 1730 and also
Southwilham the 5th of 1st Mo: 1730 and also from Bristol
Wales Dated 30th 4th Mo: 1730 are all Read in
this Meeting and are to Satisfaction.

Our ffriends appointed by the last Quarterly Meeting to
Inspect the Accounts of the Respective Meetings &c
ffriends make Report that they are in a progress and
in hopes of soon Success They are therefore desired to continue
their care herein and Make Return to the next Quarterly
Meeting.

[illegible] to this Meeting that ffriends at Horsham
[illegible] desired Our ffriends Thomas
[illegible] that he would be at Horsham ffriends Meeting
ffinished as soon as conveniently they can and to give
[illegible]
according to the Direction of the Quarterly Meeting
[illegible]
[illegible]
to pay the charges thereof to the

John Casey Makes Report, that he took of Betty
Record of this Meeting which is yet Due with
said Book is therefore desired to take us his
to give a New Note or Bond for the whole.

Samuel Jayne presented the
[illegible] Consideration [illegible]

Clarke Rodman is Treasurer is desired to pay the Same being Seven Pounds five Shillings.

To Determine the matter of Difference between Ephraim Nicholas and Benjamin Clarke

We whose Names are under written being a Committee Appointed by the Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Newport in the 4th mo 1737 to hear consider and determine a Difference between Ephraim Nicholas and Benjamin Clarke [illegible] Newport Blacksmith [illegible] Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Newport aforesaid [illegible] Do Say [illegible] Do Say we Consider the Difference [illegible] Nicholas hath not proved his Charge against B. C. of Selling a possible Lye yet Nicholas [illegible] Clarke [illegible] Do Say we find that the Sd B. C. [illegible] Nicholas

From our Yearly Meeting held at Rhodes and
[illegible] by several Adjournments from the
[illegible] day of [illegible] to the same inclusive
1737

To our Elder Friends & Brethren at our next Yearly Meeting to be held in London Anno 1738.

Dearly Beloved

We salute you in [illegible] love wherein we abide the Children of Light
[illegible] concern for the Honour of God and
Promotion of his blessed Truth in the Earth, and as in that [illegible]
[illegible] account of the Service
[illegible] we hereby inform you that
hath been very large and peaceable [illegible]
respects as well as in the company and assistance of faithful Labourers
[illegible] from far, our meetings [illegible]
Our gracious God hath [illegible]
in a most comfortable & blessed manner to be with us. Through
the Influence [illegible] Gospel Truth hath been raised to general
edification and the reproving of many hearts under which good
silence [illegible] Returns of Disapprobation also inquired into.
[illegible] general satisfaction.
By reason of the [illegible] Quarterly Meetings we understand
Friends Meetings [illegible] a good degree of Love
[illegible] general [illegible]
in the several Provinces [illegible] Testimonies
[illegible] Respects Debts [illegible]
[illegible] Year [illegible]
[illegible] Government [illegible]
[illegible] and Expenses [illegible]
[illegible] Gospel [illegible]
[illegible] Exchange from that Burthen.

We Read your Printed general Epistle of 1736 as also a particular Epistle
[illegible] Waiting for Sufferings [illegible]
[illegible] Advices [illegible]
to the general observation of Friends.

Notwithstanding Inconveniencys & Matters of Uneasiness [illegible]
[illegible] Love and Unity [illegible]
[illegible] Truth [illegible]
[illegible] Friends [illegible]
[illegible] Lord of the Harvest, Spirit, Ruling [illegible]
[illegible] Meeting of Ministers for the work of the Ministry
[illegible] Coasts
[illegible] Borders enlarged and the Day hastned wherein Jerusalem shall be a
[illegible] Praise of the whole earth. So wisheth & Prayeth

Your Friends & Brethren

in the Truth

Signed by order & direction of the Meeting
said Meeting by

[illegible]

[illegible] Yearly Meeting held on Eastern Shore for Worcester
[illegible] Somerset on the 8th Day of 1st Mo. 1738 Friends
[illegible] on the Service. Ye Meeting for Sufferings
[illegible] at their last [illegible] Quarterly Meeting
[illegible] Appointed Friends as Delegates
[illegible]

For the Second Quarterly Meeting to be held at Choptank
[illegible] Thomas Smith, Thomas Wilson & Thos Hudson, Nathaniel
Coleman, Benja. Smith, Isaac Chase & Tho Richardson

For Salem, Samuel Pope, Joseph Estes, Robert Nesly and Zakery
Cooper.

For Kidderich, Humphry Wade.

The Quarterly Meetings Epistles to their Yearly Meetings are
passed to be Published and Read at the Succeeding Sessions under
the same Regulations as formerly.

By the Epistle from the Quarterly Meeting at Choptank
they Informe, that Friends Meetings are generally kept up
for the Worship of God in the most part agreeable to
Rule & Discipline, that their Visitations are mostly
Acceptable Accounts of their Service and that Love & Unity in
the General was Maintained among Friends, They also present an
Account of the Sufferings [illegible] are Ordered to Remain
Easton to be Related.

By Epistle from Salem Quarterly Meeting they Informe, that Meet
[illegible] kept up and Friends [illegible] formerly
that a Disposition of Love & Unity exists Increasing among
and that they have been of late free from Sufferings on
Account of Tithes Plate and Carriages of Arms.

By Epistle from Salem Quarterly Meeting they Informe that
Love and Unity in the General is Maintained and their Meet
[illegible] Worship & Discipline are kept up and Duly Observed
[illegible] they Desire that their Quarterly Meeting at
Easton [illegible] the first 4th day in the 4th Month may
[illegible] Friends [illegible] Friends first day of the Week,
[illegible] Friends to attend the Meeting.

This Meeting Adjourned unto Next 2d day at the 11th hour in the
Morning.

[illegible] the 12th Day proceed to Business.

Certificates of [illegible] Elizabeth Hopkins, Mary Hooton, Esther
Kinsey 1730 and from the Monthly Meeting held at the
River in Caroline the 2d of the same Month Commended to
this Meeting were Read in Publick Audience.

[illegible] Epistle [illegible] Yearly Meeting
[illegible] Friends [illegible] and it greatly desired their Conduct may be more Watchful & Circumspect by
Friends.

Minutes Read from Quarterly Meetings of Ministering Friends and
Brethren

at Philadelphia
Brethren Held in the [illegible] Inst. which gave a good account
Long Island in the 3rd Inst. which gave a good account
of [illegible] Property and [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] Yearly Meeting
desire of this Meeting [illegible]
as his Treasurer. Mike return that they Collection is in
Hand Rendered Paides the sum of two Pounds Eighteen shillings
to this Meeting.

[illegible] Hannah Hopper this Meeting that he
hee peices of Manuscript he hath writ, One treating the Incon
sistancy of Mixt Singing of Psalmes, The Other in Answer to a
small Book put forth by [illegible] Priest of Norwich [illegible]
past the Examination of the Committee and are Approved accordingly
to Order, Our Friends Samuel Aldrich, John Tucker, Nathaniel
Hopper, [illegible] Blowom, Silas Carpenter, Isaac Gosden &
Thomas Story are [illegible] by the Appointment of this Meeting, Undertake to get the
same Done by the Approbation of this Meeting, Undertake to get the
said Books Printed in the best Manner they can and that Our
Friends desired to return an Account to Our Friend [illegible] how
many Books each Meeting will take and also send up Money to
pay for them.

Our Friends are to have the care of Furnishing R. Barclays Apologies
to Inform that there is a Considerable Number of them Wanted
this Meeting is Inclined on that Account
the said Friends are desired to Sell the Books at ten shillings
per hundred the Money to discharge these Debts so far as it
will go. And make Return of their Proceedings thereto to the next
Yearly Meeting.

Our Friends Clark Rowman & Isaac Jacob are Desired to write
Epistles as Usual to the Yearly Meetings of Our Friends to be held
next for Pensilvania & the Jerseys [illegible] to the Yearly Meeting
at Flushing on Long Island.

Our Friends [illegible] Eastern [illegible] Samuel Aldrich [illegible]
Visit [illegible] the several Quarterly Meetings [illegible]
and [illegible] to the several Quarterly Meetings [illegible]
in Joint Matters, Not forgetting to Incert the Hours appointed for
[illegible] Day of this Weekly Meeting [illegible]
[illegible] and Expectation that Concerned Friends Especially [illegible]
[illegible] Elders be careful to attend the same.

Our Friends John [illegible] and Thomas Richardson are Desired to write
an Epistle as usual to the Next Yearly Meeting of Our Friends in
London.

The Meeting Adjourn'd to the Next Yearly at usual time & Place.

From Our Yearly Meeting held on Rhode Island for New England from the 8 to the 12th day of the 4th mo 1738.

To our Elder Friends and Brethren at their Next Yearly Meeting to be held in London.

Dearly beloved Friends,

[illegible] we londerly salute you, and in Christian Unity hereby give you to understand That this our Solemn gathering hath been favoured in a good degree with the Overshadowing of Divine Love and through the [illegible] of the Faithfull, Reproof of the careless and Information of Strangers and the concerns of Church Discipline have been inquired into, considered and carried forward in a spirit of Meekness and Brotherly Condescention.

By the Accounts brought from our several Quarterly Meetings in mutuall Love and Unity we rejoice to hope Truth is spreading and prevailing in many parts of this Land;

Your printed Epistle of 1737 as also a perticuler Epistle signed from the Meeting for Sufferings Being Read in this meeting to our satisfaction and comfort, and that it appears to us as Usefull and Expedient to Continue the Correspondence by several Yearly Meetings for the greater advantage of Friends.

Having by our last Years Epistle intimated That since that Law of the Parliament to Commute the Taxes for the Exemption from Tythes Impositions was then near Expired it was thought [illegible] with the Legislative Authority there for a compleat discharge from [illegible] Brethren We now may inform that [illegible] which one material Paragraph that was in the former is Omitted and also contains as did the former several Sufferings [illegible] and that Province from molestation on account of their Religious Scruples and Military concerns, so that we [illegible] is this year brought from an part of that Government, nine from the Government of Rhode Island the Supervisors, five [illegible] only to the Value of twenty Shillings for not bearing Arms. [illegible] and the Multiplied favours and Institutions of Divine Love which we daily extended unto us a people may be more and more sensible of Our Unworthiness before the Holy Man.

Your Friends and Brethren

Signed by Order & on behalf of the Yearly Meeting

[illegible] Clerk for Clerk.

for worship and on the 4th day in the afternoon the Quarterly meetings being called upon their Representatives present are

For Rhode Island. John Tucker, Sam[l] Aldrich
Sandwich Humphry Wade
Salem Benj[a] Randall Tabitha [illegible]

part Inquired into and carried on in a Spirit of ancient

they also desire for the greater ease of Friends who belong to

be held on the sixth

of the week in the same month and that their Quarterly Meeting

for Discipline be held on the second day following which is

and for the future be held at Sandwich, on the sixth

day of the week falling out next after the Yearly Meeting at

monthly Meeting of Sandwich and that their Quarterly Meeting

the said month may be removed and held at Hart

the next sixth day of the week after the Yearly meeting and held at

which three last hereof is or proposals are offered to

our next Yearly Meeting for

By Epistle from Salem Quarterly Meeting they inform us

Book has been out of order, that they intend to take 143 thy

Books written by John Hammett that treats on singing of Psalms

and Co of the Others when Printed.

give a note to Benj[a] Marston for the sum of [illegible] pounds

which has become an interest, this or sandwich at this Meeting

for a capacity now to pay the said Money and Benj[a] desires

to give a New note for the same that is now due which is done

this meeting Next 2[d] day the 5[th] present at which day this

The Meeting gathered on ye day of ye Week & to Adjournment proceed to Business.

Our Friends Thos Lacey make return That he hath settled the Account with Benj[a] Thurston & hath given a Note in behalf of this Meeting for One Hundred & Twenty Pounds to be paid on the 15th day of the 5th month next which will remain on Interest until Paid.

It is concluded that the Committee formerly appointed to Correspond with Friends in Pensilvania & Virginia be Continued for the Ensuing Year with the same Regulations.

The printed General Epistle from ye Yearly Meeting of our Friends held in London the 1738 has also a private Epistle signed at this Meeting for Sufferings the 11th of 6m[o] following being Read were to the Satisfaction of Friends.

We also Receive Epistles from Our Friends & Brethren at their Yearly Meetings held at Burlington in Pensylvania & Flushing the 7th & 8th 1738 and from Hempstead on Long Island ye 3 m[o] last which were Read to the Satisfaction of this Meeting.

A Certificate from Dartmouth Monthly Meeting for Mary Lowe was Read & Approved.

A Certificate from Sandwich Monthly Meeting for Mary Tripp

From Our Yearly Meeting held on Rhode Island for
Newport and by Adjournments from the 7th to the 11th Day of
the 4th mo. 1739. To our Elder Brethren and Brethren at their
next yearly Meeting to be held in London

Dearly Beloved Friends

In a renewed sence of the love of God through
Christ Jesus our [illegible]
[illegible]

In the opening the heart of the Brotherly Salute
to you we hereby give you to understand that altho this meeting
hath not been so large as usual by reason of the small Pox
raging in some Places on this Island yet it hath been a time
of Refreshing and to general Satisfaction, several well
qualified Ministers were made serviceable in the renewed Exercise
which we [illegible] in Brotherly love.
By the Accounts from the several Quarterly Meetings which
were [illegible] in a general way is observed among Friends
a good degree of the Truth Discipline is kept up in subjection
and many Friends [illegible] to embrace
-ted and some are grieved on the Principles & make Publick Confession
thereof.
Friends for the most continue easy on Account of Sufferings, tho
we understand some have had their Goods distrained from them on
Testimony against bearing Arms but this [illegible]
not been brought up to this Meeting we cannot now insert the Par-
ticulars but hope care in that respect may be taken in
future.
Your Printed Epistle of 1738 together with your particular Epis-
tle sent to the Meeting for Sufferings were both received in
this meeting to Mutual Satisfaction: it being matter of Joy
and Encouragement not only to understand your unity therein
was Unanimous but your Labours with Love and Care for
and Fervent concern for the Welfare and Prosperity of the
Churches of Christ in a universal manner is and have been
seasonable and wholesom Admonition & Counsel which we hope
they & Desire may take place and through the Divine Blessing
thereon & Holy Spirit Love and Concord may be more abun-
dantly witnessed to the Honour of God and Reading of his Name
on the Earth.
And by Order of the Meeting by

[illegible] 1740 [illegible]
[illegible] proceeded to Consider of the Queries & Answers
12th & 4th mo 1740 per adjournment & Continued on the
[illegible] Meeting for Worship & Discipline began at Nine next Morn-
ing the several Quarterly meetings being called Their Representatives
appeared Viz.t

Rhode Island Sam.ll Gibbs[illegible] John Tucker & Wm Anthony
John Cure. Peter Davis Clark Rodman
Sandwich Stephen Hussey
Salem. Eliz.a Smith Sam.ll Eaton Arthur Gale
Bost.n Bagnall Sam.ll Pope & Deacon Coffin.

This Meeting Began & Conducted in the Quarterly Meeting of Ministers
which informed That Friends in a general way live in Love & unity
& Sweet has been Otherwise, from care had been taken to remove
matters that their several Meetings are kept up that they have
Increased & Sufferings brought in this Year, Nine & Eight less
Records than for last Yearly meeting.

This Meeting Informs that Elijah Collins had appeared publickly & Ministered
had a Testimony given by that Quarterly meeting to Rhode Island
[illegible] Boston weekly Meeting [illegible]

[illegible]

Gedeon Wanton & Isaac Howland Jun.r are to Hear & Consider &
Determine the Same, and Return their Judgment in writing
to this Meeting the Next Second Day of the week the Minister
& Elders assembling.

[illegible] Quarterly Meeting [illegible] that they Live in the Love
[illegible] & Unity [illegible]
their Families with Love & Unity & [illegible]
[illegible] & that they Live easy respecting Friends Sufferings.

[illegible]
upon Power in the Morning.

The Meeting being Seated & According to Ex.t Government proceeded
to Business.

The General Epistles from the Yearly Meeting of Ours held
held in London in 1739 as also a particular Epistle Directed to the
Meeting for Sufferings the 6th & 7th mo 1739 being Read
& Considered and it is Desired that Contents may be carefully Attended
by Friends.

The Epistles from Friends Yearly meetings & that of Friends in
Ireland read & Considered & on Consideration which gives a very
Comfortable Account of Friends Concerns there and are Entertained
with Satisfaction are Directed to us.

[illegible]

[illegible] Truth is Gods Power & Love & Unity is maint
[illegible] they Live [illegible] Meetings &
[illegible] Sufferings [illegible]

[illegible] to encourage and help in such places where they may [illegible]
[illegible] they present [illegible]

[illegible] amounting to £12.4.0 and that three Friends [illegible]
[illegible] about these months on the like accounts [illegible]
[illegible] to be recorded. They also [illegible]
[illegible] take care to provide the money to defray the charge of [illegible]
[illegible] Epistles.

[illegible] Yearly Meeting of Chester in Pennsylvania the 28th of 9mo 1749
[illegible] Monthly Meeting of Duck Creek [illegible]

[illegible] also [illegible]

[illegible] Meeting
[illegible] alongst us is now concluded and agreed by this Meeting, That the Quar-
[illegible] Meeting appointed to be held in the 4th month last [illegible]
[illegible] for the future held on the 6th day of the week [illegible]
[illegible] after the Yearly Meeting at Nottingham [illegible]
[illegible] Meeting [illegible]
[illegible] Quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich in the 10th month be held at
Rochester, to begin on the 6th day of the week after the Quarterly
Meeting which is held at Goudhurst.

A Major Number of the Committee appointed to hear and [illegible]
of Elijah Collins, having heard the [illegible] made report of their
[illegible] thereon, which being approved by this Meeting is as
[illegible] viz. We the Subscribers being appointed a Com-
mittee by the Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Newport in
the 4th month last and to determine the Matter of Difference brought
by an Appeal by Elijah Collins from the Quarterly Meeting of
Friends held at Salem in the 7th of the 2nd: last past against
[illegible] William Edward Tallitt, Benj[a] Bagnall, Peter Cole, &
[illegible] Stephens and Nicholas Cleary, all [illegible]
[illegible] Boston, [illegible] part in their Monthly Meeting
[illegible] Offenders, and we having [illegible]
by heard their Pleas and Allegations on both Sides [illegible]
considered the Premises. Do conclude and [illegible]
[illegible] that it would [illegible] be Needful [illegible]
[illegible] Appointment of this Monthly Meeting [illegible]
Days before they Meet, That no person [illegible]
[illegible] the Committee to be [illegible] by the Key [illegible]
[illegible] Meeting, [illegible] Meeting, [illegible]
[illegible] called [illegible] Meeting [illegible]
[illegible] Offenders, that we [illegible]
[illegible] considering their [illegible] that they [illegible]
[illegible] for the Reconciliation [illegible]
[illegible] Meeting [illegible]
[illegible] the matter [illegible]
[illegible] obtain [illegible]
[illegible]

Boston [illegible] by [illegible] each other as becomes Brethren

(Through Neglect of the Frds appointed no Epistle was sent to London this year)

This meeting next 2d day.

By the Epistles from the Quarterly Meeting of Rhode Island & Ministers
informed that love & Unity is in a good degree maintained among them.

[illegible] Meeting is adjourned unto the 1st day next morning at 8 a clock in the Morning.

The Meeting being seated as is Customary according to Appointment about one hour after the time of day Since

By Epistle from the Quarterly Meeting of Rhode Island they Inform that Friends Meetings are kept up and attended in a general manner that we have no Account of [illegible]

[illegible] of Oppression and Persecution and [illegible] Love is generally Maintained that the Members of Christian Society is encreasing in many places to their good satisfaction and Edification [illegible] to Rejoice. They also present an Account of the Sufferings for Conscience sake to bear Arms to the Value of [illegible] Since the Quarterly Meeting Friends have brought in [illegible] Monthly Meeting of Rhode Island to this Meeting.

The whole [illegible] to be entered Fairly in a Book for that purpose.

Friends having according to Appointment Inspected & settled the Accot with Thomas Richardson Receiver Receipts Orders & Report That they find there is the Sum of Twenty Nine Pounds fourteen Shillings and Seven pence ye due, which is Sent this Meeting by the Monthly Meeting of Rhode Island to this Meeting.

By an Epistle from the Quarterly Meeting of Salem they inform Friends in a general way of the Love & Unity that Remains [illegible] and that they had no Account of Sufferings brought in they are [illegible] the sum of Friends towards defraying the Charge of Barbadoes Antigoa.

It is concluded that [illegible] formerly Appointed to be Receivers of the Said Money Remain [illegible] the Same Regulations.

The Printed General Epistle from the Yearly meeting of our Friends held in London in 1740 as also a particular Epistle Sent to the Meeting for Sufferings ye 1st of 6mo was Read to the Comfort & Satisfaction of this Meeting and the Christian Counsell therein are Recommended to the Observation of Friends &c.

We also Received Epistles from our Friends in [illegible] at their Yearly Meeting held in the 1st Month last which is kindly Accepted and the good Account they Give of Truth is matter of Joy to us.

A Certificate from the Monthly Meeting held at [illegible] the 23 of 2mo 1741 Recommending the Conversation of this Meeting.

[illegible] Epistle from our Friends in London they Inform that their Yearly Meeting Stock is Exhausted & their Country Low & Poor Friends Desire Friends Assistance to Remember their Friends & Brethren in Distress & Friends Recommend to the Quarterly Meeting.

[illegible] Meeting.

[illegible] this Meeting for the greater Convenience of Friends.

That the Yearly Meeting now held at [illegible]
2d first day in the 8 m. shall be held on the 3 first day in
South and the Men to meet at nine o'clock at night.

Our Friends Christopher Townsend, Jane Easton & Jeremiah
Richardson are appointed to draw up an Epistle from this Meeting to
the Yearly Meeting of Friends in London, Dublin &c.

[illegible] in the Fourth Month next at
[illegible] and Lydia Lard, Sarah Hudson
[illegible] are to prepare a Testimony
concerning Thomas Chapman deceased to be read at the Quarterly Meeting
for Burlington and Chesterfield Monthly Meeting to
[illegible] Meeting.

This Meeting [illegible] Yearly Meetings, the Ministry being
[illegible] of the Yearly Meetings, the Ministry being
[illegible] or Elder that the Ministers & Elders
[illegible] the 6th day Morning [illegible] of every
[illegible] Elders
[illegible] of every Quarterly Meeting, [illegible]
Adjournments of the Consistt of the Ministers, and Elders
[illegible] may [illegible]
Faith and for the Honour and Service of Truth.

The Meeting is Adjourned unto the Next Year & Time & Place as
Usual

The Epistle from the Yearly Meeting held in London
for New England by Adjournments from the 11th to the 15th Day
of the 4th mo. 1741 Inclusive

To the Yearly Meeting of Our Friends & Brethren in London 1742

To our loving Friends & Brethren

Whereas we, [illegible] of the love of God in
[illegible] of Divine favour to visit us, and to draw our Lord & Saviour
Jesus Christ in his Spiritual Ministry by which we have
[illegible] and [illegible] for the [illegible] of our
[illegible] with Strong Desires that each of us may Arrive in
Truth & Virtue we Dearly Salute you and Entreat you to
[illegible] Our Meeting by Reason of the Concurring Testimonies
[illegible] several Living Testimonies was Obliged to Continue
[illegible] the Powers that Worthy all and Dissolvent & Solemn
Our Meeting for the Affairs of the Church was Conducted
[illegible] in Love and Unanimity which we have Reason
to hope [illegible] more Frequent

We [illegible] Exhort Friends to Faithfulness in Discharging what
[illegible] to Mutual Edification, and the Counsels & Exhortations
[illegible] given us Kindly Desiring what we recommend unto our
Quarterly & Monthly Meetings to be Read Yearly

We [illegible] desire that Quarterly and Monthly Meetings to make a
collection & send it to our next Yearly Meeting in Order to help
[illegible] Poor, Generally look as a Debt to the Church of
Christ and [illegible] we have [illegible] Testimonies
concerning Deceased Ministers & Elders [illegible] to be
[illegible] Quarterly Meetings [illegible]

Gilbert Hicks
Wm. Easton
Adam Mott
Lloyd Richards
Clark Rodman
Horace Mallory

Joseph Brantom
John Tucker
William Mallory
John G. Jones
Richard Jones
John Jones
Elisha Rockwell

A Quarterly Meeting held at Rhoades for Nantucket
1742
which Island at Sherborn the 1st Day of the 4th Month
1st Day of the Week for Business & Church Discipline
& Negotiated with that Quarterly Meetings then to belong
unto called their Representatives are viz:

For — Those Said Quarterly Meeting Joseph Easton Junr
Hide Hilliard Christopher Townsend Aaron Mott
Jacob Mott Benj. Smith John Stoddard & John Green
Salem Lawrence Meeting Joseph Shotwell Lawrence Coffins
Joseph Estes Nicholas Gore
Sandwich Monthly Meeting Thomas Eston Present

By Epistle from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting they inform
Friends Accounts continue to hear from their Monthly Meet-
ings Friends Meetings are very generally kept in the
Power in a good degree of Peace & Love Discipline Meetings for
Discipline are mostly held in a Spirit of Love & Concurrent
The work of Visiting Friends Families Seems to rest
in a Weighty manner on the minds of many Nevertheless
Lest from the Dead ones mind it seems too much neglected in
many Places, They Present an account of Friends suffering
for their Testimony against Bearing of Arms which amounts
to £6:3:4 which was Delivered to Tham. Easton to be Recorded
Inasmuch as the Interest of our Last Yearly Meeting they have
Collected the Sum of £21:5:11 Sterl. to Repair with the Stock
of Our Friends in England.
They also Represent that the Yearly Meeting
Matter of Difference between Friends Liberal
under our Profession not yet Expired with the Matter is
Still Left as it was.
By Epistle from Salem Quarterly Meeting they Inform
Love & Unity is mightily maintained among
Friends. That their Meetings are kept up, that they have
Account of Friends Sufferings brought in this Year, that
many Rulers collected Rent & Fines towards
the Stock of Our Friends in England. Concerning
Persons Disorderly they are under Exercise & Meeting
Stands Ready to Answer being not fully Represented
this Meeting they are Exhorted to Diligence Concerning
& the Importance thereof & then it is hoped they will
Testify Unity with their Brethren in Collecting
to Send as Circumstances will Admit Copies of Minutes
as Soon as Convenient will Admit Copies of Minutes
Quarterly Meeting of Salem Proposes & Desires
for the Peace & Conveniency of Friends Their Quarterly
held Alternately on the Second Day in the 2nd & 8th
First Day in the 5th may be for the future on the
Second Fourth in the Months, & the Meetings succeeding be
held as Usual, which is Concluded to by this Meeting.
This Meeting having Weighty Consideration the Service & Advantage
of some Books Lately Printed by Bowes Printers would be of Service & Benefit among
us

[illegible] Last we request it be Signed by the several Clerks of this
to be recorded & to the monthly meetings to be communicated
may be concerned for, and that an Account thereof be return
to our next Yearly Meeting.
This Meeting is by consent adjourned to the 2d Day of the 4th Instant
at the 11th hour in the Morning.

4th
This Meeting being met on the day according to Adjournment
proceed to Business.
Jabez Green being present desired the Epistle might be con
sidered, The Meeting therefore appointed the following Friends
Wadyjah Bonnel & Matthew Eddy to peruse & consider
said Matter and make report to this Meeting, who accordingly
agreeing to the Judgment.
The Epistle from the Yearly Meeting of Friends
in London in 1741 addressed to particular Epistle to Yearly Meetings
for sufferings the 6th of 3mo last being Read were to Mutual
comfort and their contents [illegible] to the General
Observation of Friends.
This Meeting has Rec'd an Epistle from the Yearly Meeting of
our Friends in Pennsylvania and Jersey held in 4th
Signed not to come before together with an Epistle from their
last Yearly Meeting in 1741 as also one from the Yearly Meeting
of Carolina, held on Long Island in the 3rd last containing
a comfortable account of Truth's Prosperity in those parts
as well as seasonable advice to us, all which is very acceptable
and kindly Rec'd.
An Epistle of Caution & Advice against [illegible]
of Books & especially Novels written by [illegible]
John Bell London, was also Read here & ordered
to be recommended to Friends observation.
A Certificate of our Worthy Friend Benjamin
Mowdy Minister from Ireland was produced & Read
the 18th Day of 12mo 1740 as also a Certificate of [illegible]
John Churchman from East Nottingham in Chester
the 15th of 3mo 1742 being Read, were to [illegible]
Meeting.
By Epistle from the [illegible]
[illegible] that love & unity [illegible]
among them, that their Meetings for Worship are kept up &
pretty well attended. That they were easy at [illegible]
Concord to continue their [illegible]
[illegible] Friends in England the 4th of 12mo 1742
Thomas Rutherford [illegible]
Collected by the Quarterly Meeting [illegible]
with their Money to be sent to the Quarterly Meeting of Chester
to be conveyed to London, in the best manner they can &
Account of their doings therein to our next Yearly Meeting
Edward Jones [illegible] Quarterly Meeting of Salem are
not under concern to [illegible] in England have
received Eighteen Pounds which is now [illegible]

Heades of our ffriends Queries &c.

It is the agreement of this Meeting that for the ensueing year our ffr[iends]

to View

Meeting for Viewing Manuscripts

Queries for our well Esteemed Friend

Our ffriends

Our ffriends Sam[ll] Easton Jonathan Bennett & Wm Lake &c

Our ffriends Stephen Jenckes & Easton

Our ffriends Wm Hill &c

Our ffriends Coll. Richardson as Clerk of this Meeting & Our ffriends

A Proposall for Reprinting W. Penn's Book

Dear Friends

In a Reverential & Humble sense of the Heavenly Kindness

Christian Love

[illegible] the concerns of Truth and the Churches [illegible]
to this Meeting may and that it hath been large and [illegible]
and Ministers have visited in a lively manner to the Testimony
of Truth and Declare the Gospel of Salvation to [illegible]
[illegible] and the [illegible]
[illegible] to be [illegible]
upon to stand and continue in the Power & Dedication.

By the Accounts brought us from the Several Quarterly Meetings
of Love & Unity is preserved & maintained among Friends in those
parts in a Comfortable way, that their Meetings for both Worship & Discipline are
kept up [illegible] with much Diligence & Care
[illegible] of Truth & Reformation
[illegible] which we sincerely desire may yet grow & prevail
[illegible] Youths more & more to be Concerned in the
[illegible]
We Enquired after the Sufferings of such Ministers & others in many places
Ready to hear at this Testimony thereof be Declared.
The Accounts of Sufferings hitherto Returned by the
now brought in is £ 0.2.6 for their Testimony against owning of
[illegible] we understand [illegible] that it is Customary
to Collect but we have no Account of Sufferings in all parts
belonging to the Massachusetts & Rhode Island Yearly
Meeting [illegible] in that Region and this Meeting
[illegible] a Copy of the Sufferings in the Year from
London on behalf of those of Our Brethren who reside under his
Government by their Letter
have hopes this his moderation & Kindness will be Extended to
[illegible] them.

We have [illegible] with Satisfaction, the Printed Books were dispersed to the several Quarterly
Meetings for Friends [illegible]
[illegible]
for which we finde to be Only in the Persons to whom the
Book was Ordered.

We finde those desirous of Manifesting their [illegible]
[illegible] this Currency, Concerning & Supplying your general Store [illegible]
[illegible] Friends Clerk Freeman to [illegible]
the Information to be Communicated to you in the best Manner they
can. [illegible]

[illegible] Consideration through Divine Assistance
[illegible] Beseeching all Friends to Cultivate a Spirit
in Reverence Thereof & Humbly Crying to the Power & Wisdom of the
Heavenly Father who is worthy forever. We Remain
Dear Friends
Your Friends & Brethren
Signed by Order & in behalf
of the Meeting by —

Gurdon Saltonstall
Jonathan Sewall
Joseph Sewall
Fran[cis] Waterhouse
Jos[eph] Pynchon
John Taylor
Peter Pelham
John Winslow
Edward Bromfield

Oliver Cary
Mr. Anthony
Jab. Sherman
Amos Wells
Mr. Smith

Silas Newcomb
Joseph Wanton
John Cozzens
[illegible]

At Our Yearly Meeting held on Rhode Island for New England
which began at Portsmouth the 9th of 4th mo 1756 & continued
on the 10th day in the afternoon the Meeting for Discipline
began at Newport where the Several Quarterly Meetings
belonging Being called their Representatives are Viz.

Rhode Island, Will Anthony, John Tucker, Silas Smith
Peter Davis, Nathan Sanford, Nathan Coggeshall, John
Aldrich, Moses Aldrich, Thos Richardson, Thos Rodman
and Isaac Lewis

Salem, Zebedee Collins, Sam Lippincott, Elijah Collins
Philip Powell
Clement Hall, Edward Hoskins.

By Epistles from the Quarterly Meetings of this Said Province
that by Necessity Accounts they have given them to know that in
their Monthly Meetings, Friends meeting are in General pre-
serv'd in Love & for the most part pretty well Settled, that a care-
ful Love & Unity is preserv'd Among them, that the concerns
of the Church are considered & managed in a Serious & considerate
manner, that Friends Children are Educated
and they hope that Do not increase in Evil
Friends & Friendship & Removing into Several Parts, That also there
is but few have Suffered for Conscience Sake & Gives Notice of
the Number of 820.

It being Represented to this Meeting that there is such Care
& Neglect of Friends in not having their Marriage Certificates &
Deaths of their Children and the Deaths & Burials of Friends Recorded
It is Recommended in the case of Each Quarterly Meeting
Concerned to Direct that Care be taken Effectually to
Like for the future.

It being at this Yearly Meeting formerly made Order that
Marriages not a week day Morning except there be first
Publish'd at the Meeting Place where the Parties Belong
Unless Special Reasons be Given to the Meeting
Therefore

It is the Mind of this Meeting that the 13th Article of
the 11th month Meeting Minutes Concerning Publishing
Intentions of Marriage be Observed.

It being Mett on the 13th day according to Adjournment
Proceeded & Continued.

[illegible] Minutes from the Quarterly Meetings
[illegible] Meeting that are Concerned in the Case for Consideration
[illegible] Meeting Minutes & Epistles to the Yearly
[illegible] Meeting that are Required by Our Order to the Yearly
[illegible] Meeting that they Not Omit
[illegible] Rule Order Meeting that

Monthly Meeting of Friends in the County of Gloucester and Province of New Jersey the 11th of 2nd mo. 1743

Being Read was to Satisfaction.

The Printed General Epistle from the Yearly Meeting of Friends held in London 1742 was also Read to the Satisfaction of this Meeting.

Our Friends Clark Rodman & Jacob Richardson that they sent the Money which was collected at Our last Meeting for Our Friends in Carolina by them

approved

6th day of the week in the afternoon to prepare
the Said Epistles in Readiness to be Signed at
the 2d day of the week.
Our Friends Samuel Bownas & Daniel Stanton
undertook the Reprinting Geo: Fox's Journal.

The Meeting Adjourned to y^e Next Year at Nine a Clock in the
morning to be held in London.

Signed

We Salute You in a degree of that Pure Love w^ch
Reaches unto and gathereth us to be a People, And have
Experience with You Each in your Respective Places
of the Effectual Operation of Celestial Rain to the Consolation & Watering of
the Inheritance, Ageing the Heart of Many in the Number Made Partakers
of the Waters of Life and Through the Influence of the Holy Spirit
with the Communion of Our Ever Blessed Redeemer, Jesus Christ
in Spirit Unspeakable.

By the Epistles at this time Rec^d from the Several Quarterly Meetings
in Ireland & the Plantations

also Several in many Parts to Read Truth declared and Divers Convinced
& Brought there Line Added in Publick Testimony which we hope may
Succeed & be made Serviceable in the Church of Christ
Jesus. Our Epistle in return to them

Friends Proposed to have in that Respect as well as Others Strictly to
Observe Ancient Good Order Recommended in the Year 1738 as also the Direction
Then Given from the Meeting for Sufferings y^t all Monies Given to
Friends Meeting may have a Regard & Tendency to the Relief
of the Poor of the Flock of Christ, & not to the Use of
Persons Living in Disorderly Practices with Creditors that they
owe

[illegible] at proper season in their Publick meetings for Worship &c.

Finally Brethren in some regard sence of the Tidings of [illegible] of God which reaches over sea and Lands into [illegible] Light & Power of the Gospel of our Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ we [illegible] Salute you and commit you to his holy care & protection [illegible] bid you Farewell.

Signed & in behalf of 30 Yearly Meetings

Jno Richardson	Sam[ll] Eastoe	Joseph Wyatt
Eliz[th] Hoyle	Hannah Watt	Frederick Frost
[illegible] Crosfield	Christo Saunders	Giles Hoscens
[illegible]	Sarah Mumford	James Sisson
		Isaac Chase
		[illegible] Spicer
Let[ce] Frame		Clark Rodman
Wm Mitchell		John Field
Sam[ll] Hopkins		John Davis
John Cannon		Sam[ll] Smith

At Our Yearly Meeting held on Rhode Island for New England which began at Portsmouth the 5th of 1st M[o] 1711 in worship and on the 8th Day in the Morning [illegible] Disciplin to be put in Practice, where the several Meetings minds concerning were called & their Representatives present were

Peter Peckham, John Bowne, Thomas Rodman, Moses Brown &
Earl & Jno: Richardson
Salem Town, Jesse Cox, Stephen Cornell, Benjamin Hadwen
and Zacheus Collins.

Who met with Them by Appointment.

By Epistles from the Quarterly Meeting of Rhode Island they [illegible] from time to time by the Ministers they have [illegible] their Monthly Meetings [illegible] proceed and as Friends, their meetings are kept up in more [illegible] the said Island Mended [illegible]

[illegible] Friendly and considerate manner [illegible] Care to settle [illegible] the service of this [illegible] Friends Money [illegible] Meeting [illegible] yet from there [illegible] Irrecoverable Account [illegible] [illegible] Meeting [illegible] Meeting [illegible] Meeting

A Certificate of Christopher Wilson from the Monthly Meeting at Warrenthall in Cumberland for himself & his Wife & Children from a Quarterly Meeting held at Pipton in County of Cumberland the 20th day of 10th Mo 1742

A Certificate of Elizar Dickson from the Mens Meeting held in Dublin the 22d of 12mo 1742

A Certificate of Nicholas Ates from the Monthly Meeting held at Evesham in the County of [illegible] 1742 also

A Certificate of Mordecai Jones from the Monthly Meeting held at Goshen in Chester County Pensilvania the 12 of 1mo 1743, which were all to Satisfaction.

Our Friends Clark Rodman & Wm Lake are desired to prepare an Epistle from this Meeting to the Quarterly Meeting at New Haven and Samuel Collins & Jacob Lindley that Service of our Friends Jacob Lindley & Another to Visit the Meetings of Friends in Rhode Island & Jacob Lindley & Mordecai Jones to Visit the Meetings of Friends on Long Island & Nicholas Ates to Visit the Meetings of Friends on Rariton River & Jacob Lindley & Mordecai Jones to Visit the Meetings of Friends on Delaware & Jacob Lindley & Mordecai Jones to Visit the Meetings of Friends on Chesapeak & Jacob Lindley & Mordecai Jones to Visit the Meetings of Friends on Patapsco & Jacob Lindley & Mordecai Jones to Visit the Meetings of Friends on Potomack & Jacob Lindley & Mordecai Jones to Visit the Meetings of Friends on Rappahannock & Jacob Lindley & Mordecai Jones to Visit the Meetings of Friends on York River & Jacob Lindley & Mordecai Jones to Visit the Meetings of Friends on James River & Jacob Lindley & Mordecai Jones to Visit the Meetings of Friends on Nansemond & Jacob Lindley & Mordecai Jones to Visit the Meetings of Friends on Pequimans & Jacob Lindley & Mordecai Jones to Visit the Meetings of Friends on Perquimans & Jacob Lindley & Mordecai Jones to Visit the Meetings of Friends on Pasquotank & Jacob Lindley & Mordecai Jones to Visit the Meetings of Friends on Neuse & Jacob Lindley & Mordecai Jones to Visit the Meetings of Friends on Cape Fear & Jacob Lindley & Mordecai Jones to Visit the Meetings of Friends on Wilmington & Jacob Lindley & Mordecai Jones to Visit the Meetings of Friends on Charlestown & Jacob Lindley & Mordecai Jones to Visit the Meetings of Friends on Georgia & Jacob Lindley & Mordecai Jones to Visit the Meetings of Friends on Florida & Jacob Lindley & Mordecai Jones to Visit the Meetings of Friends on Bermuda & Jacob Lindley & Mordecai Jones to Visit the Meetings of Friends on Barbados & Jacob Lindley & Mordecai Jones to Visit the Meetings of Friends on Jamaica & Jacob Lindley & Mordecai Jones to Visit the Meetings of Friends on Antigua & Jacob Lindley & Mordecai Jones to Visit the Meetings of Friends on St Christophers & Jacob Lindley & Mordecai Jones to Visit the Meetings of Friends on Nevis & Jacob Lindley & Mordecai Jones to Visit the Meetings of Friends on Montserrat & Jacob Lindley & Mordecai Jones to Visit the Meetings of Friends on Guadeloupe & Jacob Lindley & Mordecai Jones to Visit the Meetings of Friends on Martinique & Jacob Lindley & Mordecai Jones to Visit the Meetings of Friends on St Lucia & Jacob Lindley & Mordecai Jones to Visit the Meetings of Friends on Barbadoes & Jacob Lindley & Mordecai Jones to Visit the Meetings of Friends on Grenada & Jacob Lindley & Mordecai Jones to Visit the Meetings of Friends on Tobago & Jacob Lindley & Mordecai Jones to Visit the Meetings of Friends on Curaçao & Jacob Lindley & Mordecai Jones to Visit the Meetings of Friends on Surinam & Jacob Lindley & Mordecai Jones to Visit the Meetings of Friends on Essequibo & Jacob Lindley & Mordecai Jones to Visit the Meetings of Friends on Demerara & Jacob Lindley & Mordecai Jones to Visit the Meetings of Friends on Berbice & Jacob Lindley & Mordecai Jones to Visit the Meetings of Friends on Cayenne & Jacob Lindley & Mordecai Jones to Visit the Meetings of Friends on Martinique & Jacob Lindley & Mordecai Jones to Visit the Meetings of Friends on Guadeloupe & Jacob Lindley & Mordecai Jones to Visit the Meetings of Friends on Dominica & Jacob Lindley & Mordecai Jones to Visit the Meetings of Friends on Montserrat & Jacob Lindley & Mordecai Jones to Visit the Meetings of Friends on Nevis & Jacob Lindley & Mordecai Jones to Visit the Meetings of Friends on St Christophers & Jacob Lindley & Mordecai Jones to Visit the Meetings of Friends on Antigua & Jacob Lindley & Mordecai Jones to Visit the Meetings of Friends on Jamaica & Jacob Lindley & Mordecai Jones to Visit the Meetings of Friends on Barbados

From Virginia that which is proper and to make Returns by the Justices from the several Counties to this Meeting as the Same is Observed.

By the Epistle from the Quarterly Meeting of New Jersey we find that they have been favoured with the Company of Divers Friends from the Yearly Meetings of Ireland & London, & that the Meeting of Ministers & Elders held in the Course of the Week preceding their Quarterly Meeting, was a Time of Divine Favour & Refreshment to many Minds, & that their Meetings are kept up both First Days & Week Days.

By Epistle from the Quarterly Meeting of Maryland we find that they have been favoured with a comfortable Sitting in their Meetings that the Concerns thereof were carried on in Love & Unity & that their Meetings are generally kept up both First Days & Week Days.

[illegible] Epistle from the Yearly Meeting held in London the 17th of the 5th Month last by our Friend William Evans from the Meeting was Read & Received in the Course of the Afternoon & were Read to the Satisfaction of this Meeting.

Those Friends who were Last Year Continued to Divers of the Meetings to be Visited are continued for the Ensuing Year under the same Regulations as formerly.

[illegible] Epistles to the Yearly Meetings of London & Dublin & the Quarterly Meetings of New York & New England & Virginia were Read & Approved & Signed in this Meeting.

[illegible] Epistle to the Yearly Meeting of Pennsylvania was Signed in this Meeting.

[illegible] Epistle to the Quarterly Meeting of Maryland was also Signed.

[illegible] Epistle to the Quarterly Meeting of New Jersey was also Signed.

[illegible] Epistle to the Quarterly Meeting of New York was also Signed.

[illegible] Epistle to the Quarterly Meeting of New England was also Signed.

[illegible] Epistle to the Quarterly Meeting of Virginia was also Signed.

A copy of our Epistle to London viz.

From our Yearly Meeting of Friends held in Newport on Rhode Island &c. and by Adjournments from the 8 to the 11th of the 4th m. 1744.

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends held in London.

Dear Friends & Brethren

In the Fulness of Time from our home came tidings in this Our Annual Meeting of Gods Gracious Kindness & Love to the Children of men; who has sent and with his life giving power & Spirit Reaches; who has still and without Intermediately continues to Gather & Redeem Souls, the same Instrumentally by his faithful Servants whom he calls & Comes to come from Time to Time as Several Occasions require & Service & Labour in word & Doctrine whom also he Qualifies & Strengthens for the Same. The Effects of which Love hath been & Is Edifying and well like. May you Eternally Worship at the Fountain & Increasing of Grace & Truth & Blessings & praising God for the Same & Stirring forth of this faithfull Labourers into his Harvest & Vineyard that the Fruits which are while abroad may be reaped to Harvest & Eternally Immortality & welland in the Light forever & Ever.

This Our Annual Meeting hath been Comfortable & Edifying and Carries on Much Love, and the affairs of the Church in Peace and Condescention. By Epistles from Our Several Quarterly Meetings we have Comfortable Accounts of Truths Prosperity

Accounts of Friends Sufferings this Year in Money Rates Nine Shillings, all for their Conscientious Testimony against Bearing Arms in the Quality of Soldiers Taken within the Government of Rhode Island &c.

We are at Ease from Sufferings in the Governments of the Crown as heretofore.

We Received your Minute at Aforesaid Printed Epistle of 1743 which was Read in this Meeting and Kindly Received and the Contents Recommended to the Several Quarterly and Monthly Meetings.

The Father of Mercy Love & Mighty desires that you may Know more of his abundant Goodness, the influences of his Spirit, & Satisfying every Longing but for the Most Diligent Seekers after his Truth, Likewise we Greatly Desire for you & for Ourselves all, Confirming the Faithfull in the Truth & Love in his Churches every where do we Conclude, Returning our Unfeigned Thanksgiving to God who alone is Worthy to Receive all Honour & Glory hence forth & forever.

We remain Your Friends & Brethren

Signed on behalf of this Meeting by

Isaac Chase
John Easton
Giles Rocan
Stephen Wilcocks
Wm. Clarke
Samuel Hayes

Agreed with the Returns
Cort. Freeman
Sam. Eames
Abra. Redwood
Jos. Hill
Wm. Hall
Christopher Townsend
Jonathan Mason

[illegible] Yearly Meeting held at [illegible] for N. England which began at Portsmouth the 13th of the 9th Mo. 1760 to Portsmouth & On the 4th Day in the afternoon the Meeting for Sufferings met & Continued [illegible] and the several Quarterly Meetings [illegible]

For [illegible] Friends Samuel Sanders, William Hockings, Thomas [illegible] Samuel Hoag, Daniel Coleman, Nat[illegible] Moses Brown, Abner Coffin, Nicholas Gilman, Samuel Eager, Daniel Stanger, Daniel Coffin, Isaac Sandwich, Samuel Hopkins, John Chipman, Jonathan [illegible]

Upon the Reports from each of the Quarterly Meetings they Inform that Friends Meetings & Schools for Instruction of Youth in Nine Months & Upwards in Attendance & that the Discipline of the Church is kept up in good Degree of the same.

The Quarterly Meeting of Rhode Island in an Account of Sufferings amounting to [illegible] Other Quarterly Meetings [illegible]

Meeting Adjourned unto Next 2d day morning Eight o'Clock in the Morning.

Met on the 15th day according to Adjournment & began to Business of the day.

Read a Letter from Salem Quarterly Meeting to this Meeting [illegible] Friends Ministers & Elders [illegible] Preaching &c. [illegible] as followeth Viz.t

Friend John Cox [illegible]

Friend Thomas Rodman in the 4th Mo. last became Publicly [illegible] the Controversy between them and the Monthly Meeting to which they belong [illegible] that they have Laid before the Meeting [illegible] Meeting a Paper [illegible] Meeting [illegible]

Which was Read by the Clerk in Course [illegible] Yearly Meeting Epistle from the Yearly Meeting held at London [illegible] Meeting for Sufferings the 16th of [illegible] Meeting [illegible] Quarterly and Monthly Meetings may Come [illegible] Meeting [illegible]

Lost yet a Copy of Minute they found Desirous to make
a Testimony against the Practice of Slave Keeping
that the same be put on Record with the Minutes of this
Meeting & that each Monthly Meeting take a Copy
thereof.

We also Recommend to Quarterly & Monthly Meetings
to Appoint Friends at their Yearly Meeting to be held
at London on the 1st 2nd & 3rd days of the 5th month next
to take a Comfortable Account of the State of Truth
of Truth among them

And the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting of Ministers
Correspondence desired to write to the Meetings.

That Friends Epistles to the several Quarterly Meetings
for the ensuing Year under the same rules as formerly.

Our Friends Abraham Anthony & Thomas Corbyn are desired
to write Epistles from this to the several Quarterly Meetings
Recommending the weighty matters in hand to their
care of this Meeting.

Our Friends Joseph Jacob, Christopher Townsend & John
Eastow are desired to write Epistles from this to the Quarterly Meet-
ing of Our Friends in London also to those of the Friends
in Pensilvania and New York and every other to the next Quar-
terly Meeting of the Same to be Read.

Forasmuch as it may happen That some Friends within the
Government of the Pensilvania may feel under Suffering
on account of their Religious Sentiments, & that they may
be desirous to make Application to the Governor or Provincial
Council on their Behalf It is thought Meet that the Meeting
of this Meeting that Our Friends Benjamin Bartram
Joseph Cowgill Peter Dicks & Caleb Pusey do attend
on such Occasion when required & that the Clerk do
furnish Each of the Friends from the Minutes of this
Meeting Copies thereof.

Considered & Agreed that the Meeting
of this Meeting with usual Expedition to prepare
Publication. & to Appoint Friends to attend the
Press.

The Copy of a Minute of the Yearly Meeting in London 1711
against Coercion of Armes is as Followeth.

From the Yearly Meeting held in London by Adjournment from the
11th of the 5th Month 1711 to the 19th of the same Inclusive.

Dear Friends

At a Yearly Meeting here in Pressing Terms Represented & Recom-
mended to this Meeting That Notwithstanding we have

[illegible] people called Christians to
be in that noble Prophecy of Isaiah 2. they shall beat their
Swords into Plowshears and their Spears into pruning hooks &
Learn war no more: [illegible] the Doctrine of Our
Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ and his Apostles; & which Our Antient
Friends abundantly bore Testimony both in Doctrine & Life
& suffered deeply for, and Confirmed & Ratified by several
of Our Yearly Meetings, particularly in the Years 1693. 1709 & 1730
by their Exemplary declaration & Testimonys against Carnal Guns
for Defending Our Ships, Persons & Goods, we doing find a more
strong Engagement to Observe the same, from the experience
we have had of Providence over such as have been faithfull to this
Our Testimony, particularly those of Our Friends in Penn
sylvania.

Never the less some propose to do of Our Stocks
for the use of Said Province, to this our Antient & Christian
Testimony & the Yearly Meeting is concerned in Tenderness to
its Members in stepping with Letters of Caution; against this
flagrant & Immediate Departure from our Ancient & Christian
which hath always been to Confide in the Protection & Providence
of Almighty God & not in Weapons of War; which Practice
Officers may be attended with Injustice, Barbarity &
Bloodshed:

This Meeting therefore Laboring under this Sorrow
& Affecting Case & Breach of Our Ancient Testimony
Our Serious Consideration hath thought it our Indispensable
Duty to bare Our Testimony against said Practices: And it is
the unanimous Sence of this Meeting that the Quarterly & Monthly Meetings
ought speedily to Deal with every Person found
in the Practice
of their Error & to Reclaim them from it; and if they
Refuse to Testifie against them & let them know that we cannot have
Unity or Fellowship with them.

A True Copy Per Jno. Bowne Clerk

The following is a Copy of our yearly Meetings Epistle to London
From Our Yearly Meeting held at Newport on Rhode Island for
New England from the 4th to the 17th of the 5th Month
To the Yearly Meeting of Our Friends & Brethren to be held
in London Anno: 1746.

Dear Friends In a sence of the Divine Love that's extended to mankind
[illegible] in a peculiar manner to us a People we Rejoice
[illegible] to you, and Desire it may be known that [illegible]
was our Lot to be Born [illegible] where our Ancestors [illegible]
Liberty to worship God [illegible] Conscience, The Continuance of this
Favour was carried on in Mercy & Condescention which we esteem as
[illegible] Blessings & Divine goodness,
[illegible] the same Divine Power [illegible]

Love and favours to us are our sincere desires.

Your Printed Yearly meeting Epistle and a Letter one in behalf of the meeting for Sufferings have read in this meeting to general Satisfaction tending chiefly with what was seasonably observed therein, we have recommended the same to our Quarterly & monthly meetings for their Observation. It appeared and believe that the good consequence expected in the Church reservation in the Isle of Rhode Island great commotion will be of good effect in strengthening the hands of the Faithfull and encouragement to persevere in a way consistent with the holy Truth which we profess, But as you observe so we concern have in form is the case here that too many true thinking with us fall in with the countenance that offends them.

We desire the Lord in his due time may convince such of their error. That we may become a People of one heart & one minde in what is well pleasing to him.

12 Epistles from Our several Quarterly Meetings in this Province That love and unity is in general maintained, and that worship & discipline are kept up in a truly well manner. No sufferings are laid in this years above the sum of Eight Pounds Nineteen Shillings & sixpence in this Government for not bearing arms in the militia only, Having no presentes what we apprehend necessary to be recommended & herein

Your Friends and Brethren

Signed by Order and in behalf of sd Meeting by

Joseph Ardell
Thomas Smith

Charles Rodman
Joseph Esmond
Peter Davis
James Brown
Tho. Spooner
John Browne
Christo. Townsend
John Easton
Robert Brown

William Anthony
Giles Slocum
Nicholas Davis
John Cornell
Henry Tudor
David Richards
John Green
Isaac Cozzens
Sam. Easton
Oliver Earle

Ann Thurston & Mary Coggeshall afterward Mary Briggs sailed from Rhode Island to Liverpool in the William and John

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At our yearly Meeting held in Rhode Island began at Newport the 12th of 12th mo 1746 for worship & on the 13th in the afternoon the meeting for Church discipline &c. Friends being called

are Vizt.

Rhode Island. John Tucker William Anthony Benj. Smith

Sol. John Sanford Junr Joseph Collins & Elijah Collins.

their had received yearly good accounts of the service of visiting the Quarterly Meeting of Rhode Island Lunenburg &c for Our Christian Testimony

[illegible] 6 [illegible]

At the Request of [illegible] Quarterly meeting it is Agreed That the Meeting which hath been held at Accoaksett on the 5th Day of the week in the forenoon of Eighthmonth [illegible] be Discontinued and that the [illegible] Friends of Accoaksett on the [illegible] first Day as well as at Aponaganset. And also

That one day be Appointed for a Yearly meeting in the town of [illegible] to be held at Friends Meeting House the next day after the [illegible] at South Kingston the 6th month.

A Paper from Salem Quarterly meeting Hay Informs that love & Unity is in some degree Maintained and where it is otherwise it hath been taken for amendment and that meetings are held [illegible] have [illegible] it is agreed That [illegible]

[illegible] Salem and to Address the [illegible] Meeting to be held at Newport

[illegible] hath been so for some time past so that it seems necessary for friends to contribute something for both the support of the Ministry & the service of the present sitting Meetings the use & right proper use of which seems to suffer much for want of room to the Quarterly Meeting at Salem with the Monthly & as conveniency will admit &

This Meeting is Adjourned until the next Day of the week at nine hour in the Morning

The 16th Day. The Meeting being gathered according to Adjournment and the Representatives called Each Monthly Meeting was Answered [illegible] Sandwich, Hay Informs [illegible] Hopkins Hampton [illegible] Coates Leeds Curtis Mi[illegible]

[illegible] Quarterly Meeting of [illegible] Dear Friends [illegible] to mark Profits in the Meeting before it is the [illegible] Judgment.

By an Epistle from the Quarterly meeting of Sandwich Hay Informs that Love and Unity in some good degree is maintained among Friends and their first Days & week days meetings are kept up and attended. That they are not at Present under Actual suffering the some Threatenings on account of our Friends [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Friends [illegible]

[illegible] to enable them in every way to be guided by us all. And that Friends may [illegible]

concerns of Truth in their Parts.

Those Friends who were last appointed to View manuscripts proposed to be printed are continued for the ensuing Year under the same rules as formerly.

Our Friends Christopher Townsend, John Easton & William Logan

Our Friends Gilbert Cannon, Abraham Lindley & Thomas Lightfoot

On Consideration it is agreed by this meeting that all appeals

Whereas Moses Mott & Jonathan Robinson Appellants

We the Subscribers being appointed a Committee by the Yearly Meeting

Signed at the Table by Order

Epistle to Carolina

Epistle to Virginia

From the Yearly meeting held at Pipe Creek for the Province
by adjournments from the 22d of 11th mo. 1746 to the 1st
inclusive

To the yearly meeting of our ffriends & Dear Brethren now met in
London

Dearly Beloved ffriends & Brethren

Wish you in a degree of
ancient & Divine Love, which is the Bond of ffriendship and
spreading abroad upon the hearts of the Sons & Daughters of men knitting
them into a Society of Spirit enabling them to Rejoice in the ffellowship
of

We have been favoured with the
[illegible] heard
[illegible]
presence of our Heavenly Father together several living and
lively Sermons have been delivered to edification
[illegible]

We further intreat you that the Epistle from our Yearly
Meeting to ours may be read in
to Epistles from Yearly Meetings we understand that some Yearly Meetings are
Remiss in sending Epistles which is the cause of the Epistle
not being put in practice there is a necessity laid upon us
Truth is established among us; a strict observation whereof will
become Ornaments to keep the Church pure & clean
[illegible]

[illegible] a good harmony or willingness in
many [illegible] that the Truth may be
[illegible] Testimony among us which we hope will
[illegible]

The affairs of Friends sufferings have
[illegible]
[illegible]
Evening of time.

We very kindly Rec.d your Printed general Epistle dated 6th mo. 17[illegible]
[illegible] from the meeting for Sufferings in 7th mo. and
[illegible]

Hereby of New England it is kindly Received.

Signed.

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[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] at Portsmouth [illegible] 1st [illegible]
[illegible] the afternoon [illegible]
[illegible] Report under the [illegible]
[illegible] Representatives then Present were as Viz.t

For [illegible] Island, William Anthony, Thomas Wall, Jun.r [illegible]
John Howland, James Barker, Moses Allbrock & Jno. Allen
Salem, Samuel Tyler Esq.r Jno. Tilton, Caleb Cook, Daniel
Sawyer, Nathl. Howard, Thos. Hussey, Edmd. Cook
Sandwich, Nicholas Davis, Thos. Cornwell
Matthew Iles, John Coggeshall.

The Friends Appointed at the last Yearly Meeting to enquire
into the Sufferings of the Brethren that have Scrupled
to bear Arms Gave in their Report which being Considered
& the Case Stated that the Brethren were Prosecuted
Since the Conclusion of the Treaty did not Propose any
Minute on the Occasion.

By an Epistle from the Quarterly Meeting of Rhode Island &c. for
the Eastern Parts of this Government it appears that
Friendly Intercourse is maintained & that
Unity & Concord in a Spirit of Love & Condescension.
That in Answer to the last years Proposal for relief of the Brethren
Imprisoned at Dartmouth they have collected and sent to William Ellery
the Sum of [illegible] that they have no Account of Sufferings during
the Present Year. Also Informs that they have [illegible]
Persecution & Sufferings Friends have met with
[illegible] that not Imposed on Friends of Conscience
[illegible] Justices of Dartmouth from which Judgment [illegible]
[illegible] of Sufferings appears to this Yearly Meeting [illegible]
[illegible] Thomas Howland is Disposed & Enabled to attend Samuel
Smith on the Behalf of Portsmouth Desires his Appeal may be
[illegible] to our next Yearly Meeting Which his Request is Granted.

By Epistle from the Quarterly Meeting of Salem they Inform that
Love & Unity is in some degree maintained among them & Friends keep up
their Meetings that they have no Account of Sufferings to Report for the present Year.

By Epistle from the quarterly Meeting of Sandwich they Inform that
the Concerns of their quarterly meeting was carried on in Love & Condescen-
tion, That their Meetings were kept up & for the most part Attended
pretty seasonably & That their Visitors gave a pretty good Account
where any were appointed.

Those Friends Appointed in Conjunction with Friends of Nantucket last year &c.
are continued a Committee for Viewing Manuscripts proper to be Printed
[illegible] the same regulated as formerly.

The Meetings Adjourned [illegible] 2 day the 13 Instant at the
11th hour in the Morning.

Epistle being read & approved ordered to be Recorded.

It being manifest by the Epistles from Several Quarterly meetings that Many cannot receive the frequent visits from their Ancient Friends they have been accustomed to, & being desirous to keep up a Right Sense of the Necessity of Faithfulness in bearing their Testimony against the Spirit of the World & Maintaining their Ancient Testimonies & Practices, It is therefore desired that their care in those Respects may be renewed.

The Printed general Epistle from the Yearly meeting of Friends in London in 1747 as also a particular Epistle to this meeting dated the 21st of 8th Month last being read & mutually approved and the Printed are handed down to the Several Quarterly & Monthly meetings for their Information.

Minutes from the Yearly meeting held in Philadelphia in 7th Mo 1747 and at Flushing on Long Island in the 3 month last which contain a very comfortable account of the Services & Concerns relating thereto.

Certificate on behalf of Our well Esteemed friends Samuel Nicholson & Richard Lewis dated from the Monthly meeting of Newark held at Kennet in the County of Chester the 2d day of 8th Month 1748 being read to Satisfaction.

This Meeting being informed that a considerable number of Friends within the Government of the Province have been lately Impressed as Soldiers & likely to come under Suffering on that account it is therefore thought proper & concluded that a few lines of Advice & Exhortation on that Occasion shall be drawn up to Govern & Strengthen Friends by the Clerk in behalf of this meeting, & also that our Friends Zacheus Collins of Egg Harbor & Peter Smith of Burlington be added to the Friends formerly appointed to wait on the Governor with a Request for Relief.

A Certificate of the Acceptable Service of Our Dear friend Samuel Nottingham on his return from the Western parts of this Province to the Monthly meeting of Chesterfield was signed at this Meeting.

Our Friends William Anthony Griscom & Thomas Redman having Visited the Meetings of Friends in Virginia & Maryland & Returned, they were desired to write an Epistle from this to the next Yearly meeting of Our Friends in London & also to carry the Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of Our Friends at Flushing & Philadelphia to be Read & Answered at their next Quarterly meeting at Peach Island to be signed as usual.

Our Friends Timothy Peters & William Lake are desired to write Epistles to each of the Quarterly Meetings here represented from this meeting & deliver them to the Clerk of this Meeting.

The Epistle of our Yearly Meeting of Friends held on Rhode Island for New England by adjournments from the 9th of 4m 1747 to the 13th of the same Inclusive.

To the General Meeting of our Dear Friends and Brethren at London Next Summer.

Dearly Beloved Friends

In the Fellowship of the Son of God Jesus our Lord & Heavenly head do we at this time salute you and rejoice that the Covenant of Life is sealed unto us thereby the Comforter is sent to lead us into all Truth, and the Fellowship of the Gospel of Peace is known in a good degree witnessed through the Ministry of Sundry Friends who have come among us, whereby the Name of the Lord is Glorified and to our great comfort & Satisfaction and the Blessings of this Meeting at this time Consists in a Sense of Love & Consideration one towards another, knowing that the Prosperity of our Religious Society depends on Love & Unity one with another, and the Increase of Grace in our Hearts, the Diligent Attendance of our Meetings for Worship & Discipline, the Exercise of Love & Meekness one towards another, and a Tender Regard to the Poor & Needy among us, the like favour would be very Acceptable to the Brethren, that by Accounts brought up from our several Yearly Meetings we understand that Love & Unity is maintained among Friends & the Discipline of the Church is in a good degree Maintained and carried on among them, but little Increase of Friends is brought in this year.

We have your Christian Epistle from London dated the 5th of 4mo 1747 which was very Acceptable to this meeting & care hath been taken that they were sent to each of our Quarterly and Monthly Meetings belonging to this Yearly meeting for Observation. Likewise we received the written Epistle from the meeting for Sufferings dated the 2d of 8mo 1747, both which were Read in the Authority of this Meeting. Our desires and Prayers are to Our Heavenly Father this his mercyes & favours may be continued from time to time both to you & us and that we all may be truly thankful for the same. To conclude, our desire is that both you and we may be kept by the Power of the Almighty God to Serve him as he requires in the world to come, obtaining a Crown of Glory which is laid up for all those that love the appearance of Holy Jesus.

Signed On Behalf of Said Meeting

Jonathan Walsh
Hugh Dowd
Sam Holmes
Sam Wilkins Jun
James Lyon
Benj Hazard
Sam Waterhouse
John Wanton

Abra Anthony
Eli Rodman
Stephen Hicks
Christ Townsend
Stephen Gorse
Joseph Wanton
Peter Barker
Sam Rowland
Benoni Bowerne

Wilkins Anthony
John Casey
Eli Brownell
Caleb Hopkins
Gideon Gardner
Sam Potter
John Thorp
Wm Rodman
Isa Green

Representatives are viz.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting
Thomas Rodman, Joseph Hull, James Easton, Nicholas Hide, Giles Slocum, Luther & Thomas Rodman

Salem Quarterly Meeting
Benjamin Bagnall, Hope Enos, Hope Enos,
Joseph Esles and Zacheus Collins.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting
Edward King.

Edward Thurs not appearing at this Meeting to prosecute his Appeal which was entered at our last yearly Meeting it is now Dismist.

and their Meetings kept up; That they had been something remiss in Respect to Visiting Families as ought for the future and that they had no Account of Sufferings brought in for the year past.

From Sandwich quarterly Meeting they minute that Love & Unity in a good degree is maintained among them, That their Meetings for Worship & Discipline are duly attended &c.

This Meeting Adjourns until next second day of the Week at the 11th hour in the Morning.

Second day Morning 11th hour Meeting according to Adjournment proceeded to Business.

Epistles from Foreign Quarterly Meetings.

Monthly Meeting of Uxbridge to the
a Certificate on the behalf of our well Esteemed
John Jones & wife from the Monthly Meeting
gham in Pensylvania the 5th of 1st mo. 1749/50
Also a Certificate on the behalf of our well Esteemed
were to the Satisfaction of this Meeting.
The Meeting adjourn'd unto the next 2d day of Instant
at the 10th hour in the Morning.

The Meeting being gathered

Business. —

written Epistles Sign'd at their Meeting for Sufferings the 15th of
this 7br 1749 were Read in this Meeting to the Satisfaction and
ject & Satisfaction and the Advices & Cautions therein given
is tenderly recommended to Notice of all friends. —

We Rec'd an Epistle from our Brethren at their Yearly
Meeting held in Philadelphia
in the 7th month 1749. —

We also an Epistle from the Yearly Meeting of our Breth
ren at Antigua
being Read were to mutual Satisfaction and it were
to be hoped that the care & concern they express for the
purity of the blessed truth were more prevelent among us.

A Certificate of the Acceptable Service of
Thomas Chorley & Jonathan Taylor to the Monthly
of Friends at Buckingham in Pensylvania &c.
also a Certificate of the Acceptable Service of the
friend Thomas Daniel directed to the Monthly Meet
friends at Salem in West Jersey were read in
of this Meeting.

Those Friends who are living of the Committee
to View & take the needful care of Manuscripts
&c Printed are continued for the ensuing year and
the same Regulations as formerly. —

The Consideration of the general Advantage
& of if the small Book
more Common are Kindly among Friends &
each Quarterly Meeting take the same into
and Return are directed to our next Yearly
Meeting if Friends therein will take
and if not it is desired Letters

It being Manifest by the Accounts Received
Quarterly Meeting as well as otherwise that that Love
work of Visiting Friends Families has been Greatly
Neglected in Many Places Whereby the Good
Services heretofore given, It is therefore Again Kindly
Recommended to the Care of Friends in each Quarterly
and Monthly Meeting that they be Generally
Careful to Attend Our Meetings of Discipline as well
as Worship and use Suitable Endeavours to Encourage
Our Youth to Attend those Meetings which may be

has been Neglected that it may be Revived
Our Friends Joseph Nicols & John Casey are Desired
to Draw an Epistle from to the Yearly Meeting of the
Friends in London Christopher Townsend & Elizabeth
Waterhouse to Write Epistles to the Yearly Meetings
Our Friends to be held next at Burlington & Shrewsbury
to be Brought to the Next Quarterly Meeting at
Rhode Island to be Signed as Usuall
John Stroud James Easton & John Hanton are Desired
to Draw Epistles from this to the Several Quarterly
Meetings Recommending the Needfull Concerns Of Sight &
in behalf of this Meeting

From our Yearly Meeting held in Newport on Rhode
for Newengland for the 5th of the 4th month 1756 to the 11th
of the same inclusive
To the next Yearly Meeting of
in London
Dearly beloved Friends

In a Fervent Love and Concern
Precious Breathings of Divine Love which our Heavenly
Father in his great Condescension to us
our Annual Assembly We Affectionately Salute you; desiring
we may be enabled to Manifest suitable returns to his
Love and Master for this continuing his mercies
Strength
Your last printed Yearly Meeting
Epistle also your written Epistle from the Yearly
Meetings held the 5th of the 5th month last were
in this Meeting to our Comfort & Satisfaction &
Sensible that our good advice & Cautions therein
Received may be deeply Observed Then Shall we
be the more Qualified in a Right Manner
to Discharge our Duty and Testify that
Precious Religion in Practice

upon us & necessitated many
in a general way to be in
worships are kept up; and the
are sought is carried on with equal degree
heat. —

An account of sufferings was brought in this year wh
consisted of five Friends in the Massachusetts Govern
were imprisoned for Gaolfees, and they refusing to pay
sentenced again imprisonment but through the generous
in the disposition of the high Sheriff of the county & seve
Gentlemen Inhabitants whose precincts they dwell
liberty of their Cause he permitted them to retire to their
Families at this time. —

There are some amongst us that are concerned to bear testimony
against such Laws & impositions as interfere with & is hurtfull
to Friends [illegible]

[illegible]

sister of the Sanctuary that God has pleased to not
Harvey Aaron what we apprehend necessary
[illegible] conclude & remain your friends & Brethren —

Signed & in behalf
of the Yearly Meeting by

[illegible]

[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Thomas Arnold	Thos: Rickie
Henry Tillier	John Paul	John Gillis
David Greene	John Greene	Nathan[illegible]
Sam[l] Eaton	Christopher Townsend	
[illegible]		
[illegible]		

At Our Yearly Meeting held at Rhode Island for New England which began at Portsmouth on the 5th of the 8th month 1704 & continued by Adjournment where the several Quarterly Meetings were called & their Representatives were

For Rhode Island &c. Anthony Jacob Mott. James Easton.
John Greene of Warwick, James Luther, & Solomon
[illegible] Quarterly Meeting [illegible]

Sandwich. Nicholas Davis. Robert Wade. Caleb B
Matthew Isles. Roger Bailey

By an Epistle from the Quarterly Meeting of Portsmouth they say
that Love is generally maintained among them. their Meetings
are kept up and the Discipline of the Church hath been exercised
in a good degree of Love & Consideration. That some have of late
they have not fully satisfactory Accounts of the Service of Visiting

By an Epistle from the Quarterly Meeting of Salem they say
their Meetings are kept up and Love & Unity in the Gospel is
many that they have a number of Ministers brought in
they hope that
Visitation. They have Concluded to take no
Testimonies. They also inform that the

The Quarterly Meeting of Friends at Bridport in Great Britain
the 26th of 1st Month 1704 upon a Certificate on behalf of
the Island in the County of Northampton in New England being
in good Unity with
The Meeting
Yearly
[illegible]
[illegible]

held in London in 3d mo 1761 [illegible]

[illegible]

This Meeting being better satisfied of the Concern that [illegible] hath
been under respecting the Negroes than formerly, and having
no further Objection to offer against his Proceeding therein
as Way may open for it, Do Certify our Unity therewith.

Signed by Order of the Said Meeting
this 3d day of 3d Month 1761

Samuel Emlen Clerk

From the Monthly Meeting at Darby in the County of Chester

Certificate from the Monthly Meeting at Darby in the County of Chester
for Samuel Emlen & Christopher Wilson
Dated 3d mo 1761

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

And remain your Friends & Brethren

[illegible] Yearly Meeting held at Rhode Island for New England
[illegible] Newport [illegible]
[illegible] Ninth Month
[illegible] Samuel Dennis
[illegible] Nicholas Easton
[illegible] Joseph Davis
[illegible] John Bryant
[illegible] Sam[l] Easton
[illegible] John Green
[illegible] John Proud
[illegible] Joseph Jacob
[illegible] Oliver Card
[illegible] Thomas Easton

Copy of Minutes of the Newport Packet
Com[d] to Lyle

At our Yearly Meeting held on Rhode Island for New England
[illegible] Newport [illegible] Ninth Month [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] Robert Tripp Sab[d] [illegible]
For [illegible] Yearly Meeting, [illegible]
Brownell & Samuel Boyle Zacheus Collins,
For [illegible] Yearly Meeting [illegible]
John Mendall abid John Rogers.
[illegible] Rhode Island Quarterly
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
tion and That they have had som Acceptable accounts
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
We also inform thee of our
Inclinations towards the support of [illegible] Meeting
and the same to Rhode Island

[illegible] Quarterly
[illegible] in the year

and Jos. Galton for 36 each is ... £ 19 : 0 : 0

Write Epistles to the Yearly meetings of Pen Arrington to have
[illegible] and Jeremy Wherry are appointed
John Wilson & Timothy Watmough & William Lake are desired to
write an Epistle from this to each of Our Quarterly Meetings
[illegible] to be read in the Meeting of Ministers & Elders
[illegible] and that each Quarterly Meeting be
[illegible] that each Quarterly Meeting Once.

From our Yearly Meeting held in London for Pen
[illegible] by adjournments from the 25th of 5th mo.
1752 to the 1st of 6th mo. inclusive.

To our Quarterly Meetings of [illegible] in
London

Dearly beloved Friends & Brethren,

It hath pleased the Lord our God graciously to favour the
Solemn Gathering of his Dear People to the Exercising and
enlarging more hearts in a thankful Commemoration of this
many fold Blessings and to return him praises whereof we
[illegible] in a grateful Remembrance of [illegible] Love
as in much Love and Freedom we [illegible] that we have enjoyed
a large and very peaceable Meeting and the Church
were [illegible] Edified with much Calmness & Unanimity
[illegible] and by Accounts brought in from Our several Quarterly
Meetings we understand the Love & Unity is preserved
[illegible] among Friends, their Meetings [illegible] with
[illegible] kept up in many places remote from
Meetings & Places of Publick Profession [illegible]
to many [illegible] more Effectively provided.

We have no Account of Friends Sufferings brought
[illegible] but it will forth readily considering what heavy Burthens
many of our Friends labour under at this time
our Memory which we esteem as an additional favour [illegible]
[illegible] the Account [illegible] at this Meeting.

[illegible] Meeting we [illegible] an Epistle signed at the Meeting for
Sufferings in the 6th mo. last, which were all read to the [illegible]
[illegible] inspection and care is taken that
[illegible] to the Expectation

began at Portsmouth the 4th Day of the 6mo 1753 for Worship & Business
in afternoon our Meeting for Church Affairs

and Peter Davis

Benjamin Bagnell

and Peter Davis

The Meeting Adjourned unto next second Day of the Week in
the Morning —

The Meeting being duly gathered on the 2d Day according to Adjournment

Here was read a General Epistle from the Yearly Meeting of
Friends held in London in 1752 & also two Epistles

We the Ministers Elders from the Yearly Meetings of
our ffriends & brethren held in Philadelphia for Pen-
sylvania &c and the Parts adjacent in the 5th month last & the
Yearly Meeting held in Flushing for the
Province of New york in the 6th month last were drawn
into good unity & Sympathie Concerning the Affairs
of the Churches of Truth among them.
Our ffriends Joseph Jacob & Thomas Richardson are desired
to visit the Quarterly Meeting of Portsmouth
held on Rhode Island to be Signified as usual
and Christopher Townsend & Timothy Matlack
to visit the Quarterly Meeting of Friends at Shrewsbury
& Burlington &c
Thomas Lloyd & William Lawton Jun are left with Thomas
Story & John Hill from this to the rest of the
Yearly Meetings concerning the Negro Concerns to
Sign them in behalf of this Meeting
The Meeting Adjourned to the next forenoon at Nine
o'Clock as usual.

The Quarterly Meeting held in Rhode Island
for New England from the 1st of 6th 1758 to the 6th of the
same month.

To the Yearly Meeting of our friends
Brethren to Be held in London

Dearly beloved friends

Unto you the Meeting &c

In whom our hearts are Bowed with thankfullness humbly to Implore
your God & Master for the continuance of his regard & the aid of
his Spirit to Strengthen and Encourage
according to our Several Degrees & Stations to high carry on the great
work of Reformation to the glory of his great Name who is Worthy
for ever —

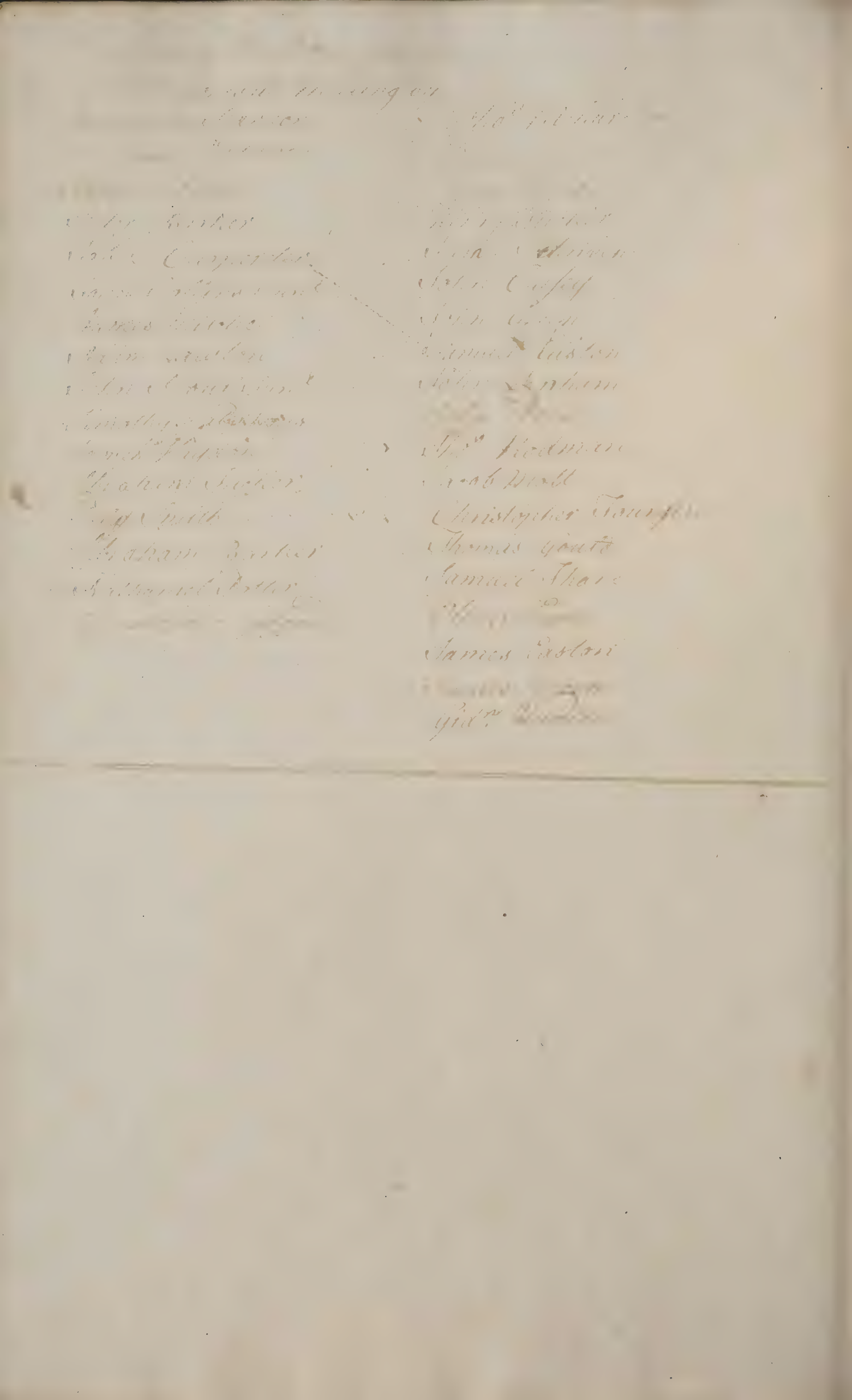
This Meeting was very Large (as usual) and we hope
a Sense of Divine Power went away Satisfied
with hearing several Sound & Lively testimonys that
in great Authority by some well qualified for the
Ministry

The Church affairs were also Con-

By Accounts Brought in from our several Quarterly Meetings
that their Respective meetings for Worship are kept up: and thro: the good
condescension
condescension — We have still to acquaint you of the general tranquility we
enjoy respecting living free from sufferings on a religious account, the sense
of which dilates the Minds of some with a holy reverence to the Author of
all our mercies esteeming it as a signal of his divine Providence for which
with many more we desire to be truly thankful —
We received your Yearly Meeting Epistles dated in the 5th Month 1762 also
which were read to the great Comfort and Satisfaction of this Assembly whose
care will be to recommend their contents to the general notice and observance
of Friends hoping that your tender & fatherly care over us will in a good
degree be answered, and with desires for the continuance thereof we conclude

William Anthony
Joseph Edmonds
David Green
John Cady
John Lapham
Abraham Redwood
Joseph Wood
Benjamin Coffin
James Mitchell
Jonathan Nichols
John Collins Junr.
Thomas Hicks
Elis Roberts
John Green
Saml Clarke

with others before sent we receiv'd and
in all they will be of General service, and we est
of your tender care and regard for
universally. This Meeting was very large &



At Our Quarterly Meeting held at Rhode Island the 2d
the 13th day in the afternoon Our Meeting for Church Discipline was
as Usual.

For— Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting
Wm Anthony, John Lapham, John Greene, Edward Thomas
Bodman, James Easton, David Lawrence, Oliver Earl, Jonathan
Waterhouse, Green, James Tyler.
Salem, Joseph Easton, Samuel Hopkins, Benj.a Bagnal, John Cooke
Jr.
Jeremiah Cornell, Nicholas Edwards, King, Timothy Davis

By Epistle from the Quarterly Meeting at Nantucket and
good and Acceptable acco.ts from some meetings of the Service of Truth
families but had not had a general meeting and that care had been
taken for a more general attendance that purpose.
By Epistle from the Quarterly Meeting of
in a general way live in Love & unity &
for both worship and Discipline, they also
ing which hath been held at Salem on the
my 1st first Day in the 9th Month be both held for the
in each of said Months, which is referd to consideration of
By Epistle from the Quarterly Meeting of
and Satisfactory Accounts from their Monthly Meetings of
and that they were in hopes a concern was increasing for a
me among them than has been for some past.
This Meeting being under a weighty Concern For the revival of our antient
2 Day for the consideration thereof Viz.t Peter Davis, Benjamin Buffington
Friends being Mett — on the 11th Day according to adjournment proceeded
1 to
2 the Committee appointed to hear & determine the Case of Thomas Hicks
a Complaint against Thos Hicks Appeared from the Quarterly Meeting and

[illegible] this Meeting were Read to Mutual Satisfaction and their weighty Concerns

[illegible]

1754 were read to the Satisfaction of this Meeting

[illegible]

4th mo 1754 with a Concurring Certificate from the Quarterly Meeting for Lan[illegible]

from the the Monthly Meeting held at Gwynedd in Chester County [illegible]

y 17th of y 3m 1755 being Read was to Satisfaction

[illegible]

4th Month ang 9th month

It is agreed that those Friends who are Living of the Committee Appoin[illegible]

to View Manuscripts proposed to be printed, Shall be continued for the Ensuing [illegible]

under the same Regulation as formerly.

[illegible]

[illegible] approved by this Meeting and ordered that a Copy there of be Sent

to each Quarterly Meeting and that Each Quarterly Meeting take Care [illegible]

[illegible] with a Copy thereof to be read in Each

[illegible] Meeting and Answer Some of the Queries which appear to be

[illegible] Monthly Meetings representatives from Each Particular

[illegible] representatives to the Quarterly Meeting from the Monthly [illegible]

be enabled to give Clear and Distinct answers to Each Query which are to

be transmitted to Our Yearly Meeting by Each Quarterly Meeting

Viz.t

1 That all Meetings for Religious Worship & Discipline may be held

[illegible] and Recreations removed from [illegible] Selling Tobacco & Dealing [illegible]

2 & Love and Unity maintained amongst You as Becomes Brethren

Tale Bearing Back Biting & Evil speaking [illegible]

3 [illegible] Parents & Children carefull to bring them up in [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] are mentioned [illegible]

Hopewell Monthly Meeting [illegible] and Pikeland [illegible]

[illegible] South

[illegible] moderation and Temperance in the Account of Births Marriages Burials and all other Occasions

5 That their Servants Apprentices and Inspected, they received or Assisted in their Business as they are Capable off. Do their Children Duly Partake of Learning suitable to their Circumstances and are they and their Friends Children placed among Friends

6 That no young or Unmarried Persons make Proposals of Marriage with Each other without Consent of Parents & Relations Concerned, Nor keep Company with those of other Societys on that Account

[illegible] after the Decease of former Husband or Wife, and are not the Rights of Children by former Marriages Neglected

7 That they Maintain a Faithfull Testimony Against the Payment of Priest Wages, Training of Arms, Training or Military Service, and against Diverting the Use of the Estates or Bodies or Vending of Goods Respected to be run

It is agreed That we Request of the Yearly Meeting of Our Friends in London a Copy of their Book of Discipline in Manuscript in Hopes it may be at all times to Join in the Same

[illegible] Meeting for Worship Ordered [illegible]

[illegible] time to Prepare Our Epistle to the Yearly Meeting in London to be Report in this Meeting

Our Friends Joseph Nicholson (Jeffy [illegible] Drawn up this is the Yearly Meeting in London. Christopher [illegible] Foster Tom Ellis Waterhouse to draw Epistles to the Quarterly Meetings in Scotland & England & bring them all to the next Meeting to be Signed as agreed.

[illegible] Jacob Hall & Abraham Anthony [illegible] Each of the Quarterly Meetings Recommending two Elder Friends to Sign them in Behalf of this Meeting

At the Quarterly Meeting held on Rhod. Island for New England which began at Portsmouth the 10th of y^e 6th m^o 1756 for Worship and on y^e 11 Day in the afternoon our Meeting for Discipline and when the several Quarterly Meetings being Called their Representatives are

For

Peter Davis James Luther Tho^s Rotman James Greene Jacob Mott.

Salem Benjamin Bassett Samuel Pope John Morrell

Daniel Angell Samuel Cornell Nathaniel Allen Collins

Smithfield Peter Dexter Lemuel Wright

John Rogers

From Rhode Island & Swansey no particular account relating to the Affairs of Truth

From Salem no particular account relating to the Affairs of Truth but they are measurably kept up to by the greater part of Friends

It is agreed by this Meeting that the Quarterly Meeting be held in this City two days in a year in the first Week in the Month of September for the future

Our Friends Benj^a Buffington Timothy Davis Daniel Barker are desired to Draw an Epistle to the Yearly Meeting in London and bring it to this Meeting next second Day

This Meeting is Adjourned to tomorrow Morning at the usual hour.

Friends being met according to Adjournment the 12th

From Boston Yearly Meeting and they desire this Meeting to Correspond with them

In order thereto it is agreed that it be next Year to the several Quarterly Meetings

[illegible] have been [illegible]

[illegible] of ensuing age many sufferings as now we are [illegible] they are therefore desired to be more carefull in that Matter for the future.

The Committee of [illegible] Quarterly Meeting [illegible] Meeting of [illegible] in the County of [illegible] and on the [illegible] of the Quarterly Meeting of the [illegible] Men's Meeting [illegible] tion of this Meeting.

[illegible] Friends & [illegible] accordingly is adjourned [illegible].

[illegible] Epistle to this Meeting dated in the 5th mo 1755 were read to Mutual Satisfaction and the wholly advice and Counsel therein contained are recommended to the [illegible] of our Friends.

We also receive Epistles from our Friends at their last Yearly Meeting held in Philadelphia for Pensylvania & the Jerseys [illegible] which being read to Satisfaction a Copy thereof is ordered to be taken for the perusal of Friends [illegible] for the Quarterly Meeting of Chester held at Providence in Pensylvania the 25th of 4th mo 1756.

[illegible] Epistles of Advice from the Yearly Meeting held in Philadelphia the 30th of 5th mo 1756 were read to Satisfaction

It is agreed at this Meeting that the Epistles to London [illegible] Long Island & to each Quarterly Meeting [illegible] to this Meeting be [illegible] this Meeting.

[illegible] Peter Worrell Benj.a Buffington Davis Garrett [illegible] Thomas Sawyer Samuel Pope Theophilus Hoskins [illegible] desired to draw Epistles to Pensylvania Long Island [illegible] Quarterly Meetings belonging to this Meeting [illegible] ing to be sign'd this Meeting is adjourned [illegible].

[illegible] Quarterly Meeting is [illegible] this Meeting being a matter of weighty concern for the Honour of our Society [illegible] Meeting to be [illegible] of Suffering for [illegible] from this Meeting to the [illegible] Meetings & so to each Monthly that they appoint and add to it [illegible] Friends [illegible] Friends [illegible] Meeting [illegible] Meeting.

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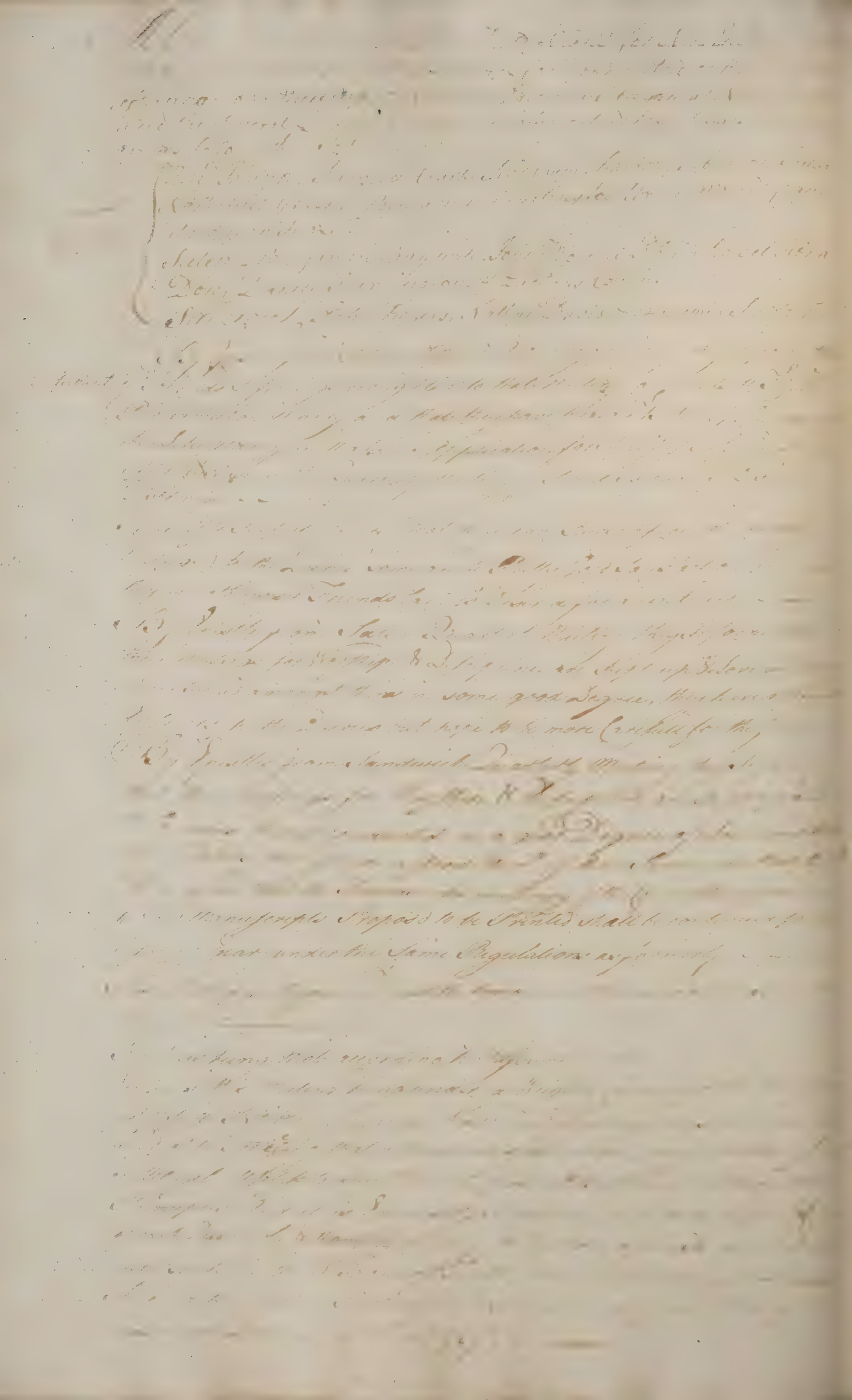

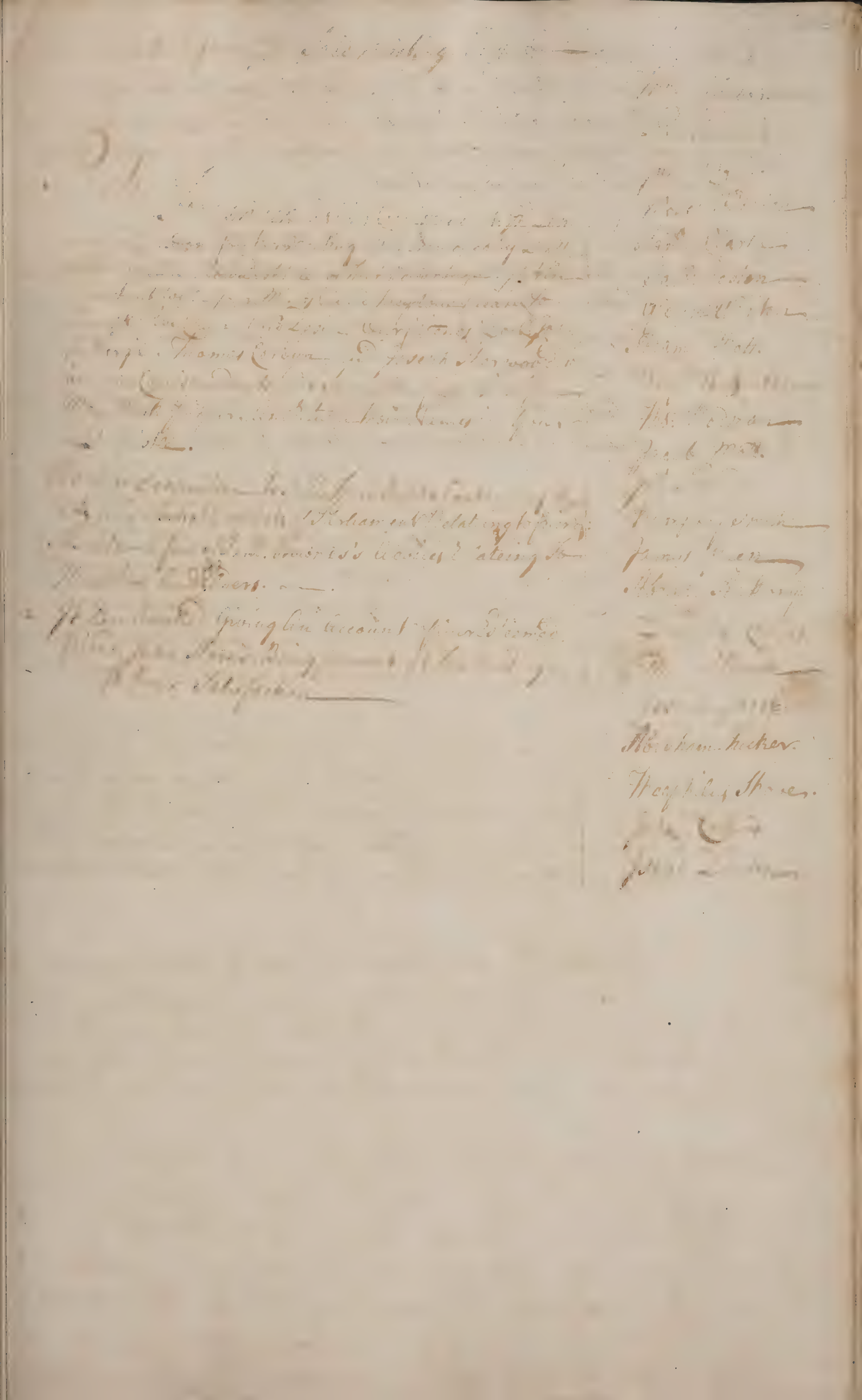

Att our Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Rhode Island for N
and Ryes at Portsmouth the 25th of 8th mo 1731 for Readying and
on the Differences our Meeting for Church Discipline began at
Nantucket the Seventh Quarterly Meetings Being Entered their
Expectations are as follows

Rhode Island Samuel Clarke Jacob Mott Samuel Greene
Benjamin Coulton Jonathan Macy Josiah Macy Wm Rotch Jr
Joseph Tucker Stephen Hussey Elihu Thomas Nicholas
Isaac Benjamin Bagnall Samuel Rye John Merrit
and Zaccheus Collins
Sandwich Cornelius Allen Nathan Davis Timothy Davis
Thomas Rogers Jno Abraham Jacob Chapman

Read the Epistles from the Yearly Meeting in London 1730 Printed
Epistle dated 24th of 11th mo 1730 to the Same, one Written Epistle
Date from ye 16th of 7th mo 1731. Also one Written Epistle from
the Yearly Meeting held at Pensylvania and Newjersey by Adjo
from the 25th of 8th mo 1731 Also one Epistle from the Yearly
Meeting held at Peushing on Long Island 24th of 5th mo 1732

And as they Contain Weighty Council and advice, Were Read to
our Mutual Satisfaction and Comfort, and as the printed Epistles
will go Down to the Several Quarterly Meetings, the Written Epistles
are to be transcribed and Sent Down with the printed ones
and the Contents thereof are Recommended to their Notice & Observation

We Read Epistles from the Several Quarterly Meetings with Re
to the Queries, some of which were to very good Satisfaction. Others
were not so well as could be Desired therefore it is Recommended to the
Committee that Draws Epistles to the Several Quarterly Meetings that
such Queries as they in the Wisdom of Truth shall see Necessary

This Meeting Being under a Weighty Concern for Revising and Collecting
the Several Yearly Meeting Minits for Discipline together, and Duly
Considering the Same in the Fear of the Lord this Meeting that they
Shall a Committee for that Service whose Names are as follows Viz
Wm Rotch Junr Jacob Mott Josiah Macy Timothy Davis John Merrill
Elihu Thomas Junr Wm Rotch & John Collins, or Two of them to peruse the
English Book of Discipline and also that of Pensylvania Book of

of Discipline, to Extract such parts thereof in order to Joyn with ou
w they shall Judge Necessary, and lay the same before this Meeting
for approbation, Thomas Ellwick Nathaniel Coleman
Josephus Shore John Cary and Thomas Byrom are Desired to
Joyn the Committee together with the Strangers here unto
Interest John Redman Samuel Eastburn & John Storer and any
other friends that may find a Concern to Joyn them

This Meeting is Adjourned to tomorrow Morning 8 of clock hour
Friends Being Well According to Adjournment

This Meeting Being favoured with the Company of the following
Ministring Friends produced Certificates from their Respective
Monthly Meetings Viz:
One from Buckingham in Pensylvania Dated 27 of 4 Mo 1760
for Samuel Eastburn, One for John Kreiman from the Monthly
Meeting held at Burlington Dated 7 of 3 Mo 1760
One for Elizabeth Shipley from the Monthly Meeting held at Kelsing
Dated 4 of 3 Mo 1760 One for Hannah Foster from the Monthly
Meeting held at Haddonfield in the Jerseys Dated 12 of 3 Mo 1760
One for Ann Gant from the Monthly Meeting held at Little Eg
Harbour Dated 10 of 3 Mo 1760 One for Mercy Readman from the
Monthly Meeting held at Haddonfield in the Jerseys Dated 4 of 3 Mo
Expressing their Unity with them and their present Service,
All which were Read in this Meeting to Good Satisfaction

Our Ancient and Worthy Friend Thomas Richardson having done
as Clerk to this Meeting upwards of forty years faithfully, and to Gene
Satisfaction, and now Desires to be Released from that Service which
hath Become heavy in his Advanced years, and this Meeting having
Considered the same, do agree and Consent to Release and Omitt
his further Appointment for that Service
And we do hereby Appoint our friend David Earl to be Clerk for this
Meeting

Friends Appointed to Draw Epistles to the Several Quarty And Monthly
Meetings, Whose Name are as follows Abraham Barker Joseph Cow
Thomas Hersey William Ellis Nathan Lewis Joseph Cowgill Thomas
Eyre and William Coppock and Bring them to the Meeting
Next Second Day to be Signed
This Meeting is Adjourned to the forth hour this Afternoon
Friends Being Well According to Adjournment

So it Doth appear that there are but Seven of the Committee Living that were Appointed to Peruse Manuscripts proposed to be printed Whose Names are as follows, Joseph Nicob Christopher Leonard Abraham Anthony Thomas Goold Thomas Easton Joseph Anthony and Samuel Collins

Wherefore this Meeting thinks proper to make up the first Number and do hereby Appoint William Coggeshall Isaac Easton Jacob Mott Junr Thomas Hazard & James Mitchell to Joyn the Survivors of the Last Committee whose Names are Before Mentioned

The Committee to Solicit the Goverment or Governor of Boston in Behalf of Suffering friend or friends, made Report that they have Discharged their trust therein, and they are Continued for the Ensuing Year for the Same Service

The Committee Appointed by the Last Yearly Meeting made Report to this Meeting, that they had Answered their Appointment and had Answered the Request of the Meeting for Sufferings in London which is as follows by Epistle

From the Committe of the Yearly Meeting specially Appointed to hear and Determin the Difference Subsisting Among Friends at Nantucket Held and Continued by Adjournment from the 14th of 7th Mo to 16 Inclusive 1761

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends at London

Dear Friends

In Compliance with the Request of the Meeting for Sufferings in London of the 7th of 7th Mo 1758 to our Last Yearly Meeting we were Directed where our Endeavours Should prove Ineffectual in Settling the Controversies of Nantucket Monthly Meeting to make Representation thereof to you

We have the Satisfaction to inform that Said Differences are in some Good Degree Adjusted yet there Remains a Difference in Settlement Amongst friends in Regard to Moneys the Province of the Massachusett Bay Requires of the Inhabitants of Nantucket by especial Act for that Island only said to Lieu of personal Service in War which we have Transmitted to you and also Other Acts Respecting friends of the whole Province Calculated in a special manner to procure their Active Mediation Subjecting friends in General to the Like Difficulties we have this Matter under our Consideration have not thought it proper to Advise them to pay it Being we Apprehend our so Doing will be inconsistant with peaceable perseption as Also ameans to introduce many other Difficulties

of Like Nature for if it be just to pay Every thing that is brought by way of publick tax in the Government but particular as to the Subject and to us as a Society then we may have the Same taxes imposed on us in like Manner Never the Less we have Advised friends to Exercise Charity towards Each Other and Earnestly Request your Advice for our future Conduct in these Cases, thus in a Degree of our Heavenly Fathers Love Do we tenderly Salute you with Desires to Remain your Friends and Brethren in the Truth

This Meeting is Adjourned to next Second Day at 9 hour in y Morning Friends Being Mett According to Adjournment

This Meeting is Adjourned to the forth hour this After Noon Friends Being Mett According to Adjournment

The Committee Appointed by this Meeting to Revise and Collect the whole Yearly Meeting Minits for Discipline togeather made Report which this Meeting Approves and is as follows

We your Committee Being Appointed to Collect and Revise all Rules for Church Discipline through out this Yearly Meeting Having Several times Mett and Considered of the Same Do Report that the Rules of our friends in Old England are Suitable for us with the following Remarks Viz.

Appeals to be Delivered in on Six Day in Stead of third Day
That parrigraft Concerning Certificates being Stamped is to be Left out
the following words to be Aded [or on each Day Meetings]
The following Method of Constituting Meeting for Ministers & Elders is to be Inserted
Parrigraft in the Yearly Meeting Epistle from London Concerning Negroes to be Added
And all the Queries to be Left out untill the year 1742
And our Queries to be put in, as most proper to be in Use

And our present Method of Constituting our yearly Meetings to be inserted under the head of Yearly Meeting Both of Business & Ministers and Elders

And the Minit in our Discipline Concerning Signing Commissions to be Left Under the head of Kings and Governers

And Enter under the head of Discipline the Method of Disowning Convinced Persons

Signed in the Presents of
Said Committee by Order

Moses Mitchell

This Meeting therefore Appoints the following Committee to Agree with Some Suitable person or persons to transcribe the English Book of Discipline two Volums More which will be one for Each Quarterly Meeting and to be paid out of the Yearly Meeting Stock and to See that the Several parriagrafts Brought in by the Yearly Meeting Committee are Carefully Entered Under their proper heads Viz: Joseph Jacob David Earl Isaac Lawton and William Cozzens

And this Meeting Recommends to Each Quarterly Meeting that they furnish Each perticular of their Monthly Meetings with Transcripts of the Same for the use intended and that the Same be done as Soon as possible

Lotteries

This Meeting Being under awaity Concern on Account of the prevailing Evil Amongst Divers professing with us of Being Concerned in Lotteries this Meeting therefore Can do no Less then Earnestly Recommend to the Several Quarterly and Monthly Meetings that they do advise Such of their Members who have been Concerned any ways therein that they do Desist from that practise for the future

It is Recommended that Each Quarterly Meeting Send up Eight Dollars to be Delivered to the Treasurer for the use of this Meeting to Wil John Wanton

Memorials of Friends

It is Recommended to the Quarterly & Monthly Meetings to Appoint Suitable friends to Collect Memorials of the Living Services and Dying sayings of Ministers Elders & Other Friends whose lives were Remarkable for true piety and faithfullness with the time of their Birth and Death as Near as may be with a Distinction between Ministers Elders & Others and where they Lived and that Such Collections be inspected by Each Quarterly & Monthly Meeting and from thence Send them up to this Meeting to be Recorded

Boston meeting house Burnt

It hath been Represented to this Meeting that the friends Meeting house at Boston hath Mett with that Accident to be Consumend by fire therefore this Meeting doth Recommend the Same Down to Each Quarterly Meeting for their Assistance and it is Desired that they will Generously Contribute towards the Same and Recommend it to their Several Monthly Meetings for their Assistance therein

Friends Appointed to Draw Epistles and transcribe the Several yearly Epistles produced them to this Meeting which was Read Approved and Signed in this Meeting by David Earl Clerk and Others

The Business of this Meeting Being Now Over and having been favoured with a Degree of an humble Sence of Divine Love through the Several Sittings thereof Uniting of us to the holy Head and one unto Another in his pure Cause in which we take Leave one of Each Other with thankfull harts to the Great Master of our Assemblys and purpose if he permits to meet here again at this time Next Year

From our yearly Meeting of Friends held at Newport for Rhode Island by
Adjournment from the 4th of 6th Mo to the 11th of the same Inclusive 1760

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends first Holden at London
Dear Friends & Brethren

The Blessings of Divine favours being renewed to us at this time is Matter of Joy and Consolation to the Sincere and upright in heart and in silence of that Love do we tenderly Salute you. This our Annual Meeting which were large, have through the great Goodness & Merciful Condelention of our God been favoured by seasons with his blessed Appearance both immediately and Instrumentally by his Servents and Hand maids whome he hath Concerned to pay us a Religious Visit Among whome is our Worthy friend John Storer whose Testimonies being Conducted in the power of truth was very Comfortable and Refreshing to the faithfull:
the Affairs of the Church hath been Carried on in a Degree of Love in Convention. We have the printed and Written Epistles from your last yearly Meeting 1759 which being heard were to good Satisfaction in wherein they Contain many good Exhortations & Counsell they are Sent to the Several Quarterly & Monthly Meetings for the Service of friends No account of Sufferings as yet Brought in this year
In the pure Breathings of Sincere Love & hartly Desires that God would Shower down of his abundant goodness the influence of his holy Spirit to the Satisfying Every thirsty Seeking Soul. Do we Conclude

Your Friends & Brethren

Signed in and on Behalf of Said Yearly Meeting by ——

Thomas Hazard
Joseph Congdon
David Earl
William Coggeshall
Isaac Lawton
Jacob Mott Junr
Joseph Wood
Timothy Watterhouse
Gideon Wanton
and Others

Peter Davis
Thomas Richardson
John Casey
Christopher Townsend
Samuel Easton
Samuel Collins
Samuel Clark
James Easton
Jacob Mott
Abraham Anthony
James Sisson
James Chase
Isaac Mitchel
Nathaniel Coleman
Solomon Harvey

At an Yearly Meeting of friends held at Rhodeisland for New England Began at Portsmouth ye 9th 8br 1681 for worship and in the 2d in the afternoon our Meeting for Church Discipline began at Newport the Several Quarterly Meetings being Called their Representatives are as followeth

For
Rhodeisland James Easton Abraham Anthony Abraham Tucker James Green Elihu Coleman Uriah Mory Theophilus Shaw & Thomas Hazard
Salem Benjamin Bagnall Zacheus Collins & Daniel Rawlins
Sandwich Edward King John Rogers Nathan Davis & Timothy Davis

2d Epistles from the Several Quarterly Meetings with Answers to the Queries, Some of which were to greate Good Satisfaction there were not so well as Could be Desired, therefore it is Recommended to the Committee that Draw Epistles to the Several Quarterly Meetings to Return Such Salable Advice as they in the Wisdom of truth shall see Necessary,

3d Epistle from Rhodeisland Quarterly Meeting Desireing the Judgment of this Meeting, whether it be warrantable for friends to take up Land at Noviscotia Lately inhabited by the French, is Referred to our Next Yearly Meeting for Judgment, and is to be Desired that no friend nor friends take up Land at Noviscotia before the Judgment of our next Yearly Meeting be had

4th Epistle from Rhodeisland Quarterly Meeting Informing that Roger Chapman Requested an Appeal from that Meeting to this Meeting which was Granted, and Nobody Appearing to Prosecute the Appeal that Matter Seases

5th Epistle from Rhodeisland Quarterly informing that Samuel Eadman Desired an Appeal from the Judgment of that Meeting to this Meeting which was Granted, and he not Appearing to prosecute his Appeal it is Continued untill our Next Yearly Meeting for Judgment

6th Epistle from Rhodeisland Quarterly Meeting informing that Christopher Gifford Desired an Appeal from the Judgment of that Meeting to this Meeting, which was Granted, and he Appeared to prose his Appeal friends Appointed

Daniel Parrington Benjamin Reynall John Rogers Thomas Rogers & John Southwick to hear and Determin the Matter Committed to them and make Report to this Meeting of their Judgment, the Major part of them Agreeing

This Meeting is adjourned to the Eight hour tomorrow Morning this being this Meeting Being Met According to Adjournment

By Epistle from Rhodeisland Quarterly Meeting informing to have Providence Yearly Meeting altered, and to begin at Warwick the Six Day before the forth first Day of 8th Mo. and at Providence the Seventh Day following, and at Smithfield on first Day, for Divers Reasons offered to this Meeting, it is agreed that ye Meeting be altered for the future agreable to their Request

By Epistle from Salem Quarterly Meeting informing this Meeting of five friends being under Confinement at Portsmouth in Newhampshire therefore this Meeting Doth Appoint the Standing Comitte that was Appointed to Solisit the Governor of the Massachusets in Such Cases and act agreable to their first appointment in Such like cases

By Epistle from Sandwich Quarterly Meeting Desiring to have Six Day taken from Pembroch Yearly Meeting, which was Considered in this Meeting and agreed to Omit holding their Meeting on Six Day

The Committee Appointed to View Manuscripts were called on by this Meeting and are continued for the Same purpose

By a Certificate from Samuel Nottingham Dated in Carteret ye 25th of 3 Mo 1761 which was Read in this Meeting and well Approved

Friends Appointed to Draw Epistles to the Several Quarterly Meetings are Joseph Congdon William Rotch William Casson William Luke Oliver Hulet & Edward Thurston

Rec.d two Epistles from London one printed Dated ye 14th of 3 Mo to ye 30 1760 one written Epistle Dated ye 26 to ye 30 of 3 Mo 1760
Also two Epistles from Jersey and Pennsylvania one printed Dated ye 7th of 11 Mo to ye 15 of 10 Mo 1760 one Written Epistle Dated ye 9th of 11 Mo to the Second of the 10 Mo 1760 one Written Epistle from England Dated ye 30 of 3 Mo to ye 2 of 6 Mo 1761

This Meeting is Adjourned to the fourth hour this After Noon
this Meeting being Met According to Adjournment

The Committee Appointed to settle the Appeal Brought from the
Quarterly Meeting by Hodge and Gifford, made Report to this Meeting
that their Judgment was that the Sd Gifford pay to Hodge the Sume
of one hundred and thirty seven pounds Ten Shilling which D. Gifford
Consented too

That of the Several Epistles from Meetings mentioned, Contain Counsel
and advice, were Read to our Mutual Satisfaction and Comfort,
they are to be Sent Down to Each Quarterly Meeting, and the
Contents thereof Recommended to their Notice and Observation

The Committee Appointed to Receive Memorials and prepair about
and Report them are Joseph Jacob Wanton Anthony
William Coggeshall & David Earle

Read a Memorial of the Living Services and Dying Sayings of
our Worthy friend Nicholas Davis which was Read and Approved
of and Ordered to be Recorded by the Committee Appointed
for that purpose

It is Recommended Down to Each Quarterly Meeting that they
Send up 40 Dollars to be Delivered to the Treasurer of this Meeting
to wit John Wanton for the Use of this Meeting
Rhode Island 20 Dollars Salem 10 Dollars Sandwich 10 Dollars

It was Considered and Agreed in this Meeting that our Yearly
Meeting for worship for the future Begin at Portsmouth the
fifth Day before the Second Sixth Day in the 6th mo. at the Eleventh hour and
at Newport the Sixth Day at the Eleventh hour, and on the
Seventh Day at the Eleventh hour, and but one Meeting
and on first Day two Meetings to Begin at the tenth hour in the
Morning and at the third hour in the after Noon and on Second
Day to Begin at the Eleventh hour

This Meeting is Adjourned to Ninth hour next Second Day of this present
this Meeting not According to Adjournment

Friends appointed to Draw Epistles and transcribe the several Quarterly Meeting Epistles produced to us in this Meeting which was Read approved and Signed in the Meeting by Lord Earl Cork and Others

Read a Certificate from Henry Hanton from the Monthly Meeting held at Core Sound Carteret County in North Carolina Dated the 21st of 4th Mo 1761

The Business of this Meeting was over and being favoured with a Degree of an humble Sence of Divine Love the Seremonies Sitting there of Uniting us to the Holy Head and one unto Each other in his pure cause in which we take Leave one of Each other with thankfull harts to the Great Master of our assemblys in prospect if he permits to meet here again at this time next Year

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From our Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Newport in Rhode Island for New England by Adjournment from the 19th of the 9th Mo to the Yearly Meeting of Friends held in London

Dear Friends and Brethren

In renewing of Divine favour having been witnessed through the Course of this our Annual Meeting is matter of Joy and Comfort to the truly Exercised Amongst us may God of his Infinite Goodness be pleased Graciously to Continue his Merciful Loving kindness unto his Flock and family Everywhere is the Ardent Desires of the faithfull and honest hearted, many Testimonies in the Divine spring of Life and power of the Gospel hath been Delivered in this Meeting tending to the Comfort and Consolating the faithful, Entreating the Slack and Luke warm to Deligence with fervency that they may come rightly to Confess their Latter End

This our Annual Meeting hath been somewhat Large and the affairs of the Church carried on and Managed in much love peace and Condescention

by Epistles from our Several Quarterly Meetings we have Comfortable Accounts of truths prosperity and that Love and Unity Generally Abounds Amongst them

No Accounts of friends Sufferings Brought in this Year

We Rece the printed and Written Epistle from your Lot Yearly Meeting 1760 which were Read in this Meeting and therein they Contain many Worthy Sayings in Exhortation and Comfort by we Recommended to the Notice and Carefull Observation of friends

In the pure Breathings of Sincear Love and Hearty Desires that God wold Power down in his abundant Mercy and Goodness the Continuation of the influance of his holy spirit to the Satisfying and Comforting Every seeking Soul Confirming the faithfull to the Establishment of peace and Love in his Church Every where Do we conclude Rendering all praise and thanksgiving to God who Alone is Worthy to Receive all Honnor and Glory hence forth and for Ever

We Remain your friends and Brethren

Signed in and on Behalf of
the s.d Yearly Meeting by

Peter Davis Junr
William Cozzens
James Greene
Thomas Aldrich
Zacheus Collins
Nathaniel Greene
Weston Hicks
John Collins
Thomas Rodman
William Lake
Sabez Carpenter
Steven Hoxsey
Solomon Hoxsie
Benjamin Slocum
James Mitchel
Nathan Davis
David Earl
Isaac Lawton
Robert Knowls

Peter Davis
Moses Aldrich
Abraham Anthony
Joseph Jacob
John Casey
Samuel Nottingham
Samuel Clark
Samuel Easton
Samuel Collins
Elisha Coleman
Christopher Townsend
James Easton
Abraham Tucker
Daniel Perrington
Joseph Tucker
Abraham Redwood
Joseph Proud
Peter Barker
Ulrich Mary
Timothy Wallbridge
Timothy Davis

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends held on Rhode Island for New England Began at Portsmouth the 5th of 7th Mo 1762
for worship &c on the 11th in the Afternoon the Meeting for Church Discipline Began at Newport the Several Quarterly Meetings being Called their Representatives are

Rhode Island Jacob Mott James Easton Joseph Tucker Humphry Smith Thomas Aldrich Benjamin Slocum Thomas Hazzard Stephain Harvey & Theophilus Shove
Salem Philip Rowel John Merril John Pierington Zacheus Collins John Southwick Jeremiah Thacher & Joseph Gwhill
Sandwich Nathan Davis John Rogers Benjamin Swift Timothy Davis & Ebenezar Allen

The Committee Appointed to hear and Determin the Appeal brought in Joseph Tabrum are John Merrill Philip Rowel Zaba Pierington John Southwick Jeremiah Thacher Joseph Gwhill Nathan Davis John Rogers & Ebenezar Allen. the Major part of them agreeing to be a Judgment and they are Desired to meet at the hour this afternoon Joseph Easton & Stephen Harvey are to Represent the Case to the Committee in behalf of this Meeting

The Matter Refered from our Last Yearly Meeting whether it was warrantable to take up Land at Noviscotia Lately inhabited by the French, was Considered in this Meeting and it is the Judgment of this Meeting that no friend nor friends take any Such Land nor be Concerned in taking any Such Land

Read Epistles from the Several Quarterly Meetings with Reference to the Queries some of which are to good Satisfaction others are Not as well as Could be Desired therefore friends are Desired to Continue in a Labour for Amendment

Read one printed Epistle from London Dated from 5th to 7th mo 1761
Read one Written Epistle from London Dated from 9th to 10th mo 1761
Read one Written Epistle from Philadelphia Dated from 7th to 8th mo 1761
Read one Written Epistle from Flushing Dated 29th 9th mo to 2nd 10th 1762
and as they Contain wholesom and good Advice they were Read to our Mutual Comfort and Satisfaction and are to be Read Down to Each Quarterly Meeting and the Contents thereof Recommended to their Notice and Observation

This Meeting is Adjourned to the Eight hour tomorrow morning
this Meeting Met According to Adjournment

Read the Memorials of the Loving Service of Dying Love one of our friend Deborah Mady and one of our friend Mary Hacker which are ordered to be Recorded by the Committee for that purpose

An Appeal of former Sufferings at Nantucket brought in the Year is ordered to be Recorded in the Book for Sufferings

the Committee appointed to Visit the Governor of the Massachusetts made Report that they had Delivered the Address of last Yearly meeting to the Governor and was kindly Accepted and the same Standing Committee is still Continued for the same purpose.

the Committee appointed to hear and Determin the Appeal brought from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting by Samuel Hadwen there Report to this Meeting that they Confirmed the Judgment of the Quarterly Meeting

the Committee appointed to View Manuscripts are still Continued for the same Service as formerly

Rhode Island & Sandwich Boundary

This meeting Approves of a Quickset River to be the Boundaries Between Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting and Sandwich Quarterly Meeting Agreeable to their Request

Friends Appointed to Draw Epistles to the Several Quarterly Meetings Recommending the Needfull are Edward Thurston William Rotch Ebenezar Allen Jeremiah Hacker and John Merrill and also Draw an Epistle to London & to Philadelphia Yearly Meetings Also Transcribe the Yearly Meeting Epistles this being Our Next Second Day to be Signed in this Meeting

This Meeting is Adjourned to the forth hour this Afternoon

This Meeting met According to Adjournment

the Committee appointed to Visit the Quarterly and Monthly Meetings belonging to Rhode Island Yearly Meeting are Peter Davis Timothy Davis Theophilus Chace Solomon Harvey Thomas Hazard Benjamin Arnold John Merrill Joseph Tingley Thomas Comstock & Freelam Coffin is Expected that they make Return to our Next Yearly Meeting of their Services in their Visits

Also a Certificate of our worthy Friend Hannah Harris from the Monthly Meeting held at Sadsbuchak Dated 9th of 3d Mo. 1761 also a Certificate of Concurrance from the Quarterly Meeting in Cumberland Dated 9th of 3d Mo. 1761 also one from the Morning Meeting in London Dated 13th of 7th Mo. 1761

Rec'd a Certificate of our Esteemed friend Elizabeth Hitchcock from the Monthly Meeting held in Cumberland in Great Britain Dated 23 of 6 mo 1761 also the Concurrance of the Quarterly Meeting at Coldbeck Dated 25 of 6 mo 1761 also the Concurrance of the Morning Meeting held in London Dated 23 of 7 mo 1761

Rec'd a Certificate of our Worthy friend Robert Proud from the Monthly Meeting held at Thirsk in Yorkshire Dated 18 of 7 mo 1761 also the Concurrance of the Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders Dated 26 of 8 mo 1761 also the Concurrance of the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held at London Dated 9 to 12 of 9 mo 1761

Rec'd a Certificate of our Esteemed friend Mathew Franklin from the Monthly Meeting held at Flushing Dated 26 of 6 mo 1761 which were all Read in this Meeting to general Satisfaction

Rec'd a memorial of the Living Services and Dying Sayings of our friend Hannah Bowerman of Falmouth which is to be Recorded by the Committee Appointed for that purpose

Rec'd ten Dollars from Salem Quarterly Meeting and ten Dollars from Sandwich Quarterly Meeting agreeable to the Request of our last Yearly Meeting Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting paid their ten Dollars to the Treasurer to wit John Wanton

this Meeting is Reserved to Second Day Next at 9 Oclock in the morning this Meeting met according to Appointment

The several yearly Meetings Epistles and also the several Quarterly Meetings Epistles were brought to this Meeting and Read Approved of and Signed by David Earl Clerk pro tem

From our Yearly Meeting of friends held at Newport on Rhode Island for New England by Adjournment from the 7th of June to the 14th of the same Inclusive 1762

To the Yearly Meeting of friends next holden in London

Dear Friends & Brethren

The Blessings of Divine favour renewedly Abounding thro the Course of this our Annual Assembly is Matter of great Comfort to the truly Sincere and upright hearted one in a feeling Sence of the fathers Love do we tenderly salute you at this time informing that this our Annual Meeting hath been somewhat Large and through Divine Goodness favoured with the Company of our friends Robert Proud Hannah Harris Elizabeth Robinson and Others whose Labour of Love hath greatly Abounded Amongst us to the great Comfort and Godly Edification of the faithfull & whereas great Liberality and Solidity hath Appeared to Rest on the Minds of the people we have Reason to believe and hope this great Labour in word and Doctrine hath been profitable Affecting and Satisfactory to many who are not United to us

The affairs of the Church hath been Managed and Carryed on in Much Love and Condescention

By Epistles from the Several Quarterly Meetings they inform that their Meetings for Worship and Discipline are kept up and the Business thereof Carried on in a good degree of Love and Condescention but with Sorrow we have to behold their Labours in the Parts are not so Explicit as we could Desire the Spirit of the world too much prevailing as fear Therefore a Concern hath Arisen in the Minds of some in this Meeting to Visit the Several Quarterly and Monthly Meetings within the Verge of this Meeting which we hope will be of good service Accounts of friends Sufferings this Year on Acct of the Militia Law the Collections are not Certainly known yet

We have Lately had Some printed and Written Epistles which were Read in this Meeting and was to good Satisfaction and as they Contain many Excellent Salutary and Comfortable Councils and Advice admonitions worthy the Notice of friends the Written Epistles transcribed and sent Down with the printed to the Several Quarters

To the yearly Meetings of Friends held at Sandwich
Dear Friends

Whereas it hath pleased the Lord in his Wisdom to order it that we cannot this year meet you at Sandwich as usual, we have appointed a Committee to attend your Meetings in our stead, and have given them a Certificate of their Unity with us, and Service in the Gospel of Truth, which we desire you may receive them in, and Unity with them, and Love to us, and to the Truth we profess, and that you may be favoured with the Presence of the Lord in your Meetings, and that Truth may have the Dominion over all Evil, and Error, and Darkness, and Superstition, and Idolatry, and Will-worship, and Persecution, and Oppression, and Tyranny, and Cruelty, and Bloodshed, and Wars, and Fightings, and Strife, and Envyings, and Hatred, and Malice, and Revenge, and Backbiting, and Slandering, and Evil-speaking, and Lying, and Deceit, and Hypocrisy, and Pride, and Haughtiness, and Lofty Mindedness, and Vain Glory, and Vain Fashions, and Customs, and Traditions, and Inventions of Men, and Women, and Vain Recreations, and Sports, and Plays, and Gaming, and Drunkenness, and Excess, and Rioting, and Vain Company-keeping, and Unclean Conversation, and Lasciviousness, and Uncleanness, and Fornication, and Adultery, and Whoredom, and Incest, and Rapine, and Theft, and Robbery, and Oppression, and Extortion, and Unjust Gain, and Covetousness, and Inordinate Love of the World, and Mammon, and Unjust Dealing, and Buying, and Selling, and Lying, and Cheating, and Defrauding, and Circumventing, and Going beyond, and Over-reaching one another in Bargaining, and Contracting, and Dealing, and Trading, and Merchandizing, and Usury

the Standing Committee Appointed to Solicit the Grievances of the Meetings were taken upon and Read and Signed, and they are Still Continued for that Service

Two Epistles from the General Quarterly Meetings with Answers to the Queries some of which are to good Satisfactory and Others are not as well as Could be Desired therefore friends Earnestly Desired to Continue in a Labour for Amendment

Read two Memorials of Deceased Ministers and Dying Exhortations one of our Worthy Friend Moses Coffin and one of our Worthy friend Sylvanus Coleman which are to be Recorded by the Committee appointed for that purpose

Friends Appointed to Draw Epistles to the General Yearly and Quarterly Meetings Recommending the Needful are Abraham Barker Caleb Upsall Thomas Hill Humphry Smith Isaac Lewis Jonathan Coffin & Joseph Pratt and are to Transcribe the Yearly Meeting Epistles and bring them to the Adjournment of this Meeting Next Second Day Morning to be Signed

this Meeting is Adjourned to tomorrow 8 Eight hour in ye Morning the Meeting Met According to Adjournment

Read one printed Epistle from London Dated 31 of 3d Mo to 7 of 4 Mo 1762
Also one Written Epistle from London
Also one Written Epistle from Pensylvania Dated 28-9 mo to 1-10 mo 1762
Also one Written Epistle from Flushing Dated 28 to 31 of 6 mo 1762
which were Read in this Meeting to our Mutual Comfort and Satisfaction and are to be Sent Down to Each Quarterly & Monthly Meeting and the Contents thereof Recommended to their Notice & due Observation

William Brannan Having Desired to be Discharged from being one of the Committee to Visit the Quarterly and Monthly Meetings and Inserting to his Request he is Released and our friend Nathaniel Greene is Aded in his place for ye Same Service

The Meeting is Adjourned to 9 Ninth hour Next Second Day
This Meeting was Accordingly to Adjournment

the Committee Appointed to Draw Epistles to the General Yearly and Quarterly Meetings produced them and they were Read Approved of and Signed in this Meeting by Twelve Each to the Several Yearly Meetings

Abraham

The Friends appointed to Visit the Quarterly and Monthly Meetings are Peter Dennis Timothy Davis Zebulon Heston Thomas Hazard Benjamin Arnold John Merrill Thomas Lombarth Joseph Congdon Paulen Coffin & Nathaniel Greene

The Committee to View Manuscripts are Joseph Scott Christopher Townsend Abraham Anthony Thomas Gould James Easton Joseph Anthony Samuel Collins William Coggeshall Isaac Lawton Jacob Mott Junr Thos Hazard James Mitchel

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From our Yearly Meeting of Friends at Newport on Rhode Island for New England by Adjournment from the 10th to the 13th 6th Month Inclusive 1763

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends held in London

Dearly Beloved friend and Brethren.

Under a renewed sense of the many favours and Mercies which our heavenly father hath bestowed on us from time to time since he hath gathered us to be a people we affectionately salute you and hereby inform that this our Annual Assembly hath been Measurably favoured with Divine regard and the affairs of the Church conducted in Love and Unity which has been matter of Rejoycing to the faithfull as the yearly Epistle of the last year which was read in this Meeting to Mutual Comfort and the weighty Contents thereof recommended to the Notice of the several Quarterly and Monthly Meetings of Friends in these parts that the Epistle from this Meeting the preceeding year should not meet with Reception, and was not Come to hand, but have the Satisfaction to Reflect that it hath not refused from any neglect of ours there being one prepared and sent the preceeding year as usual but we have since that time Received Word that the Copy of the same with the Epistle of the Present year was by your Request for a more particular Knowledge of the State of the Society Constituting our Yearly Meeting We have by inclosed Epistles from the several Quarterly Meetings and also by the hands of those persons who were Concerned the last year to Visit the Quarterly and Monthly Meetings belonging to this Meeting, to find that the Meetings for Worship and Discipline are kept up and that there Appears to be a Living Concern in every place and Zeal in the Youth to walk as Obedient Children for the Cause of Truth in their Life & Conversation & Maintaining Good Order

or the Church so that the Sick poore may be well up & the Wrongs redressed which have been made in our Stock [illegible] Some one or Two in a County Like warm Hole Containing Thereon with Dwelling & Other Out Houses for the Aged Suffering Friends to be Set at too much after the world & the Spirit of it the Youth Getting in to the Air & Carried away too much after the Vain Fashions and Conversation of the World we find in many places the Meetings of Worship & Discipline so much Neglected by many & altho Love and Unity in some good Degree is maintained amongst us, Yet not so Universally as Could be Desired there also Appears in many parts a great Neglect in parents in the Care of their Children in not bringing them up in that plainness which Truth still Requires and some amongst us are Concerned for. We have also to Observe from the Accounts we have Read that some under our profession for want of keeping to the principle of Truth in themselves have fallen short of Extending Charity one to Others Wrongs which they do Come to there proper sense of their Error & Education & training up in the principals of Truth is much Neglected Notwithstanding the Frequent advice of this Meeting therein & care has been taken by this Meeting to prevent friends from buying & selling of Slaves as heretofore hath been too much practised we have also to inform that there still remains a Concern on the minds of some friends to Visit the Quarterly & Monthly Meetings so that we are in hopes by another Year to Give amore Explicit Account of the Steadily Walk to God the father of all our Mercies be Glory and Honour for Ever

Signed in and on Behalf of & by Order of the Yearly Meeting by

Lucretia Collins
John Smithson
Nathaniel Greene
Benjamin Lloyd
Samuel Weaver
Henry Dennis
William Mc Henry
Jos. Hutchins

Jos. Wanton
Samuel Hall
Isaac Reed
Abraham Barker
Peter Carpenter
Ethan Coleman
Isaac Child
Stephen Hoag
John Peckham
[illegible]
Moses Hoag
Isaac Gifford
[illegible]
Isaac Barker
Samuel Hoag
Joseph Barker

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Thomas Chadman
Elihu Coleman
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At our Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Middletown for Rhode Island
ye 2d & 3d Days of the 7th Month 1777 it appearing to this Meeting
that a Meeting for Worship & Discipline be held at Newport
the Second Quarterly Meeting Days Called this Meeting
Nathan Jones Jabez Lovejoy Walter Nichols Greene Elihu
Coleman Moses Vernon Edward Upton & Solomon Mowry
Isaac Lake Southwood Philip Lawton Jun.r Rickford Lawton
Collins and Joseph Southwick
Southwick Samuel Wing Nathan Davis Timothy Davis
John Rogers and Ebenezar Allen

Our Epistle from the Several Quarterly Meetings with Inspections
to the Various Items of which we do find Satisfaction and Where we
Not so well as Could be Desired Nevertheless Friends are Earnestly
Desired to Continue in Labour for Amendment

The Matter Brought from Southkingston Monthly Meeting
to Discontinue holding a Monthly Meeting at Southkingston
and Westerly is Referred to our Next Yearly Meeting and our
Friends Abraham Anthony Benjamin Slocum Philip Sayre
& Moses Vernum are Appointed as a Committee to Visit the
Yearly Meeting and Monthly Meeting at Southkingston
and Enquire the Reasons from that Monthly Meeting why their
Yearly Meeting Should be Discontinued and make Report to
our Next Yearly Meeting in Writing

The Request Brought from Montacket Monthly Meeting Concern-
ing Granting Certificates for Friends Moved or Moving to
Kentucke &c. Like as Hereto formerly Suppressed & Mr Smith
which was Weighty Considered in this Meeting and it is the
Judgment of this Meeting that the Monthly Meetings do
not Grant Certificates to Such Friends at Present

Friends Appointed to Inspect and Examine the Papers Brought
by Monthly Monthly Meetings from a Judgment of the Quarter
by Meeting are Edward Search Joseph Southwick Ebenezar
Allen Samuel King and Jabez Lovejoy the Major part of
them Agreeing to be a Judgment Upon

Friends Appointed to Attend Quarterly to the several Quarterly and Monthly Meetings and Report the Quarterly Meetings Epistle and bring them to the Adjournment of this Meeting Which are Likely to be Engaged are Abraham Barker Caleb Pusey Joseph Gest William Cole Reynolds Isaac Humphreys Enoch Isley Peckham and George Lawton

This meeting is Adjourned to the Eight hour to morrow Morning
This Meeting being met According to Adjournment

There was produced Epistle from London Yearly Meeting 1st & 10th mo 1761
Also one Written Epistle from London Yearly Meeting 1st & 10th mo 1761
Also one Epistle from Bedfordshire & Hertfordshire Yearly Meeting 1st & 10th mo 1761
Also one Epistle from Huntingdon & Northamptonshire Yearly Meeting 1st & 10th mo 1761
all were Read in this Meeting to Mutual Comfort & Satisfaction and are Ordered to be Transcribed and Sent Down to Each Quarterly & Monthly Meeting to their Information & Notice

The Committee that were Appointed to Visit the Quarterly & Monthly Meetings within the Verge of this Meeting Made Report that Some of them Have Visited most of the Meetings and they Have good Satisfaction and are in Hopes that it may be of Service Therefore they are Still Continued for the Same Service and are to Make Report to our Next Yearly Meeting and if there Should be one or More that should not See their Time to do it they Shall be Excused

The Committee Appointed to View Manuscripts are Still Continued for the Same Service

The Reading Committee Appointed to Inspect the Concerns of the Society as were Called upon Have and Nothing Appears Therefore they are Still Continued for the Same Service

There is a Certificate of our Worthy friend Robert Willis from the Monthly Meeting of Shadwell in New Jersey Dated 1st of 5mo 1761
There is a Certificate of our Loving friend Ann Smith of Burlington Dated 9th of 5th mo 1761
There is a Certificate from our Esteemed friend Isaac Bonsall of Philadelphia Dated 2nd of 5th mo 1761
Also one Certificate of our Esteemed friend Sarah Morris of Philadelphia ——— Dated 5th of 5th mo 1761
all was Read in this Meeting and were Accepted

This Meeting is Adjourned to the third hour this afternoon
friends Met According to Adjournment

The Committee Appointed to Receive the Money and Subscriptions
in order to Send home to Purchase George Fox Journals &c
William Penns & John Hadsons

This Meeting is Adjourned to the Ninth hour Next second Day
friends Met According to Adjournment

The Committee Appointed to Hear and Determine the Appeal
brought by Salem Monthly Meeting against a Judgment
of Piles Quarterly Meeting made Report to this Meeting & is as follows

We the Subscribers pursuant to Appointment of the Yearly Meeting
to Hear and Determine an Appeal of the Monthly Meeting
of Salem by brought to this Meeting from a Judgment of the
Quarterly Meeting held at Piles Grove the 11th
the 5th Quarterly and Monthly Meetings being Present by
their Representatives after hearing their Allegations on both
Sides and Duly Considering the Same Do find in favour
of the Monthly Meeting therefore of Consequence we Do
Reverse the Judgment of the Quarterly Meeting

Joseph Southwick
Samuel Wing
John Rogers
Ebenezer Miller

Was Appointed to Answer Epistles this Yearly Meeting
Epistles produced there and this were Read
and Entered in this Meeting by Daniel Wistar and

Granted three Certificates
one for our Worthy friend Sarah Morris Directed to the Monthly
Meeting of Philadelphia
one for our Worthy friend Hugh Judgett Directed to the Monthly
Meeting of Philadelphia
one for our Worthy friend Elizabeth Smith Directed to the Monthly
Meeting of Philadelphia

From our Yearly Meeting of Ministers &c in Ireland on Thursday
for Northern by Adjournment from the 8th to the 15th of 5th Month
Inclusive

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends held at London

Dear friends and Brethren

The Service of Truth hath been renewed to us in the Course of this our Annual Meeting to our
Comfort and Refreshing of the faithful and Upright hearted which
is Cause of thankfulness to us in a Sense of that Love which Unites
together in the Fellowship of the Gospel we tenderly salute you and inform
that this our Annual Meeting have been favoured with a Company
of Dear Worthy friends from Pensilvania the Jerseys Carolina
and other Adjacent places, whose Labour and Service in word
and Doctrine hath tended greatly to the Mutual Comfort and
Satisfaction of the Sober and well inclined, and the Affairs have
been Conducted in Love and Condescension as our last Years Epistle
we gave you an Account of the State of the Several Meetings
belonging to this Meeting at that time Concern rested on
the minds of Several friends to Visit the Quarterly and Monthly
Meetings who have made their Report in this Meeting that Some
of them had Visited the most of said Meetings and that they
had good Satisfaction in their Performance and
that appeared Fruitfull on Several among the Young and Rising
generation for the Increasing of Truth the like Concern of Visiting
the Several Meetings Still Resting on the Minds of Some friends they
are made willing to Continue in the Service by the Voluntiers and
of Some friends who hath Safely Returned from a Religious Visit to
parts agree before in Many for the Increasing of Truth since that
Several Persons of Note hath been Convinced and have Requested
to Join with friends

In Some Meetings Some Disorders and Unruliness of the Last Year
which was Read in this Meeting to Mutual Satisfaction whereby
they Continue Much good Unity and Comfortable Satisfaction
in our Affairs now refer to the Several Quarterly and Monthly Meetings
for their Observations

By Accounts from the Several Quarterly and Monthly Meetings
we are informed their Meetings for Worship and Discipline are
kept up, but with Sorrow we Lament there remains a Remissness
in some to whome this Meeting hath Communicated their
Advice Respectively for Amendment

Herein you inform us of the Concurring sentiments and Unity prevailing amongst you towards us with the Conditions thereof to the Subscribers the Meeting taking the same into Consideration have thereunto for Unity sake Joined the remaining Queries is desired to be sent unto our Correspondents by first opportunity

In the more Immediate Breathings of Love and Concern that God Almighty may Continue to Continuation of his abundant goodness to his Church and people and that the influence of his holy Spirit may Powerfully be felt among them that he would in mercy be pleased to Strengthen the Faithful in all Nations unto the Finishing truth So we Conclude and Remain your friends and Brethren

Signed in and on Behalf of the Yearly Meeting by

Christopher Townsend
Robert Wood
David Earl
Philip Dicks
Thomas Aldrich
Peter Davis Junr
Nathan Davis
John Collins
Abraham Barker
Benjamin Parkson
Hezekiah Smith
Samuel Clarke
Isaac Carpenter
Timothy Waterhouse
Jacob Lawton

Peter Davis
John Casey
Samuel Collins
Jacob Mott
Abraham & Anthony
Thomas Redman
Caleb Coleman
Prophet Hoxie
Jeremiah Collins
Abraham Tucker
Timothy Davis
Solomon Hoxie
Isaac Southwick
Moses Fernum
James Easton
Gideon Wanton
Henry Wanton
Joseph Sanford Junr
John Tucker
Joseph Croo

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends held in Rhode Island for
Portsmouth began at Portsmouth first day of the week for Worship
and on the 6th in the afternoon was the day for Church Conception
began at Newport the several Quarterly Meetings being Called
their Representatives are

Rhode Island — Jonas Chace Thomas Mitchel Joseph Tucker James
Greene William Tosh Uriah Mory Joseph Carpenter
and John Collins

Salem — Benjamin Reynall John Morrill Zacheus Collins
John Southwick and Jeremiah Thacher

Sandwich John Rogers Thomas Kathaway and Nathan Davis

The Committee Appointed to Attend on the Yearly and Monthly
Meetings Called upon to Collect their Reasons why South Kingston Yearly
Meeting should be Discontinued made Report to this Meeting that they
are not yet to Give their Reasons to that Committee therefore Thinks
best to Drop that Affair

Friends Appointed to hear and Determin the Appeal granted to
Portsmouth by Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting brought by Epaphroditus
Peckwith Reynell John Southwick Jeremiah Thacher Thomas
Kathaway and John Rogers the Major part of them Agreeing
to the Judgment and bring it to this Meeting, the Committee
made Report and Confirmed the Judgment of the Quarterly Meeting
which is reasonable agreeable to the Appointment of the Yearly Meeting
as the Subscribers have met on the Appeal of the Portsmouth from
the Judgment of the Quarterly Meeting and have heard the Parties
and the Representatives from the Meeting and having Considered
the matter do Confirm the Judgment of the Quarterly Meeting

Epaphroditus Peckwith
Jeremiah Thacher
John Rogers
Thomas Kathaway
Jeremiah Thacher

The Epistles from the several Quarterly Meetings all Inclosed to the
Yearly Meeting of which we do pass this Opinion that there are not any
in Epistle to be Signed therefore are Referred to Continue in Committee
for Amendment

The Certificate from Westbury Friends Monthly Meeting from the
Monthly Meeting of Philadelphia Dated 1st 6th Mo 1765

The Certificate from Westbury Friends Nathan Nicholl from the Monthly
Meeting of Westbury Dated 5th 6th Mo 1765

Are from the Quarterly Meeting at Lincoln in Concurrence
are from the Monthly Meeting of Hempstead and Oyster
Bay in Concurrence

Read an Epistle from the Yearly Meeting of Philadelphia held there
to the 29th of 9th Mo. 1764

Read an Epistle from the Yearly Meeting of Reading held there
to the 28th of 8th Mo. 1763
which was Read in this Meeting to good Satisfaction

Friends Appointed to Draw Epistles to the Yearly and Quarterly
Meetings and Transcribe the Yearly Meeting Epistle and bring them
to the Adjournment of this Meeting to be Signed Next Second Day
are Abraham Barker William Lane William Rich Peter Goddard
Joseph Proud and Peleg Peckham

This Meeting is Adjourned to the Eighth hour to morrow Morning
this Meeting Met According to Adjournment

The Committee that was Appointed to Visit the Quarterly & Monthly Meetings
within the Verge of this Meeting made Report that some of them had
Visited some of the Meetings and was in hopes it might be of Service
therefore they are Still Continued for the same Service and are to
make Report to our Next Yearly Meeting and if there should be
any of the Committee should not be there any time they Shall be Excused

The Committee Appointed to the Marriages are Continued for the same Service

The Standing Committee Appointed to Inspect the Governor of the
Massachusetts were Called on and Nothing Appeared therefore
the Overseers of that Committee are Continued for the same Service

This meeting is Adjourned to the Sixth hour this Afternoon
this Meeting Met by Adjournment

This Meeting is Adjourned to the ninth hour Next Second Day
this Meeting Met According to Adjournment

The Epistle for the Several Yearly & Quarterly Meetings was Read
in this Meeting Approved of and Signed by Abraham Farr Peter Goddard William

This Meeting is Adjourned to the Conclusion of the Meeting of Ministers
this Meeting Met According to Adjournment
Granted two Certificates
one for our Worthy Friend William Dewsbury to the Men's
Meeting of Northfleet in the England
one for our Worthy Friend Mehetabel Gardner Single to the Monthly
Meeting of Nine Partners

From our Yearly Meeting of Friends held in Rhode Island for Newport
by Adjournment from the 29th of 9th Mo. to the 2d of 10th Mo. inclusive 1765
To the Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Peel Salters in London

Dear friends and Brethren

The great mercy & loving kindness of
God hath been renewedly witnessed through the course of this Meeting
under a sense thereof the hearts of many have been deeply tendered and
sincerely engaged in humble thankfulness to the God and father of
all our Mercies in that he hath been graciously pleased to vouchsafe
by the Mighty power of his Eternal presence sweetly to refresh
the truly humble hearts both Individually & Instrumentally to
our Mutual Comfort and in a degree of that heavenly Love and
Unity which crowns our Assemblies with Joy and Gladness
Dearly beloved we inform you that this Meeting hath been favoured
with the Company of our Ancient friend
William Nicholl from England & several other Ministering friends
from the adjacent Provinces whose Labours of Love hath been to the
Edification of many and there Appears great Sobriety and gravity
in the General we hope & believe it will prove a good Meeting to
many of those that are not of our Society Your last year printed
and Written Epistle Came not to hand whereby occasion that
cannot say any Epistle from the several Quarterly Meetings were
read in Meeting for Worship and Discipline are kept up & for the most part
duly attended in which we daily pretty generally abound among
whom it is Lately the concern of a Ministering friend who hath been Moved
to Visit the Several Quarterly Meetings we think there is in some
Meetings Neglecting Discipline therefore the Advice of this Meeting
is sent down in this Epistle Desiring every faithful Labourer
in & for the Lord to Advance the Affairs of the Church at this time hath been Lovingly
Exercised in a Weighty Degree of Deliberation over & Considered
of sending some of their Number which Elder & Brethren the
Lord Blessing & Preserving & the Love Bonds of Fellowship do
we Conclude Your friends and Brethren

David Earl
John Rogers
Isaac Luther
Benjamin Arnold
Nathanael Greene
James Greene

Joseph Wood
Nathan Davis
John Collins
Thomas Tomlock
Thomas Gould
Peter Davis Junr
Timothy Waterhouse

Peter Davis
Thomas Robinson
Samuel Easton
Abraham Anthony
Joseph Luther
Zacheus Collins
John Southwick
Peter Barker
Uriah Mory

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Rhode Island for this
began at Portsmouth the 12th of the 6th Month 1766 for worship and on the 13th in
the afternoon Our Meeting for Church Discipline began at Newport &
several Quarterly Meetings being Called their Representatives are
Rhode Island James Mitchell Caleb Russell Uriah Mowry Tomas Peirce
and Thomas Cumstock —
Salem ~~[illegible]~~ Joseph Southwick John Southwick
Stephen Collins Jonathan Dow & Jeremiah Tucker
Sandwich John Rogers Thomas Rathway Nathan Davis Timothy
Davis & Thomas Rogers

Rec'd a Number of Printed Epistles from London dated from the
27th of the 3d Month to the 1st of the 6th Month 1765
Rec'd one written Epistle from London dated the 27th of the 3d to the 1st of the 6th 1765
Received one written Epistle from the Meeting for Sufferings of Philadelphia
and the Jersey dated the 20th of the 2d Month 1766
Received one written Epistle from Philadelphia dated the 25th of the 3d mo 1765
Rec'd one written Epistle from Long Island the 24th of the 3d mo 1766
which were read in this Meeting to good Satisfaction and as they Contain
much good Advice & Counsel they are Ordered to be Transcribed and
drawn to each Quarterly Meeting for their Notice & Observation
Rec'd Epistles from the Several Quarterly Meetings with answers to
Queries some of which are to good Satisfaction but others not so well
as could be desired therefore friends are desired to continue in a
Sense of Love for Amendment —

By Epistle from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting informing
they joined Rhode Island Monthly Meeting an appeal from a Judgment
in behalf of Stephen Tripp which is received by this Meeting and
appointed to hear & Determine the appeal they agreeing to be
one Friends Jonathan Dow Obadiah Wheeler Nathan Davis
Timothy Davis Thomas Rogers & Thomas Rogers —

The aforementioned Committee made report to this Meeting and is accepted
Newport the 14th of the 6th Mo 1766 To the Yearly Meeting now sitting the
Committee being appointed a Committee by the Meeting to hear & determine
the appeal from the Monthly Meeting of Rhode Island against the Quarterly Meeting
we have meeting at the Meeting House and have had the Matter before us
and do agree to Confirm the Judgment of the Quarterly Meeting William Gray
Joseph Southwick Jonathan Dow
Jeremiah Tucker Josiah Wheeler
Thomas Rogers Nathan Davis

Friends appointed to draw Epistles to the Yearly & Quarterly Meetings and transcribe the yearly Meetings Epistles and bring them to this Meeting next Second day the 16th Instant to be signed are William Lake Humphry Smith Jeremiah Hacker Samuel Wing Abraham Barker Peleg Peckham & Joseph Proud ——

The Committee appointed to view Manuscripts prepared to be printed are still Continued for the same Service ——

The Standing Committee appointed to Solicit the Governour of the Massachusetts were called on and nothing appeared therefore they are still Continued for that Service ——

The Committee that was appointed to visit the Quarterly & Monthly Meetings within the verge of this Meeting made report that some of them had visited some of said Meetings and there seemed to be some hopes of Amendment therefore they are Continued for the same service and are to make report to our next Yearly Meeting ——

This Meeting is adjourned to the eighth hour to morrow morning

This Meeting met according to adjournment ——

Rec'd one Certificate of our Worthy Friend John Griffith from the Monthly Meeting of Witham in Essex dated the 29th of the 2d Mo. 1765 ——

Rec'd one Certificate from the Quarterly Meeting in Coggeshall in Concurrence dated the 12th of the 3d Mo. 1765 ——

Also one from the Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders in London in Concurrence dated the 25th of the 3d Mo. to the 2d of the 4th Mo. 1765 ——

Rec'd one Certificate of our Worthy Friend Thomas Lightfoot from the Monthly Meeting in Eightstown in Bucks County Pennsylvania dated the 6th of the 3d Mo. 1765 ——

Rec'd one Certificate of our Worthy Friend Thomas Gawthrop from the Monthly Meeting held at Westmarland dated the 27th of the 2d Mo. 1765

Also one from the Quarterly Meeting in Concurrence Dated the 10th Mo. 1765

Also one from the Morning Meeting of Ministers & Elders in Concurrence dated the 11th of the 11th Mo. 1765 ——

This Meeting is adjourned to the Sixth hour this afternoon ——

This Meeting met according to adjournment ——

This Meeting is adjourned to the ninth hour next second day the 16th Instant

This Meeting met according to adjournment ——

The Epistles to the Yearly and Quarterly Meetings were read approved of and signed in this Meeting by David Earl Clerk & others

An Epistle from our Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Newport on Rhode Island for New England by Adjournm.t from the 28.th to the 31.st of the 6.th Month 1760 Inclusive —

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends to be held in London, ——

Dear Friends & Brethren In a feeling sense of Love unfeigned to us at this time tenderly Salute you informing that this our Annual Assembly hath not been so large together at one time, yet through the never failing goodness & mercy of Divine Power & the appearance of Light & Life broke forth & the joy and Comfort of many, who are engaged thankfully at heart for so gracious a favour from the father & fountain of all good, and from whence all Blessings flow. ——

The Business of this Meeting hath been Conducted & carried on in a Degree of Love & Condescension and hath been favoured with the company of our Worthy Friends John Griffith & Thomas Gawthrop from England whose respective Services in the Gospel have been well received and we hope beneficial to many —

We received your last years printed Epistle and likewise a written one and as they Contain wholesom Advice & Counsel to the Edification & comfort of the Sincere hearted they are Ordered to be Inserted & sent down to the Several Quarterly Meetings for their Observation. ——

By accounts from the Several Quarterly Meetings we are informed their Meetings for Worship & Discipline are kept up and for the most part well Supported & Unity generally maintained amongst them. ——

One of our friends an Ancient Man hath visited several Quarterly & Monthly Meetings having Signified some Satisfaction in his Labours & we hope he is Continued in that Service. ——

We shall have Care for the prosperity of Truth and the Spreading thereof in Society & we rest your Friends & Brethren ——

Signed in & on behalf of the Meeting by ——

Peter Davis
Samuel Collins
Job Chapman
Isaac Lee
John Southwick
Samuel Easton
Joseph Southwick
Gideon Wanton
Joseph Jacob
James Easton
Christopher Townsend
Timothy Davis
Uriah Mowry
Thomas Redman
Humphry Smith
Josiah Brownell

Walter Newbold
Thomas Lamb
Abraham Redwood
David Redwood

Joseph Anthony
Thomas Ellicott
Caleb Lownes
Stephen Grellet
Daniel Cash
Timothy Waterhouse
James Greene
Abraham Barker
John Collins
David Evans
Jeremiah Hacker
William Frye
John Briggs
Jonathan Dow

At our Yearly Meeting held on Rhode Island for New England begun at Portsmouth the 11th of the 6th Month 1767 for Worship: and on the 12th in the afternoon Our Meeting for Church Discipline begun at Newport —

The Several Quarterly Meetings being Called their Representatives are

For Rhode Island Peter Easton Humphry Smith Ephraim Crayden Jos. Thorn Edward Upton Solomon Hoxsie & Philip Tripp —

Oblem Benjamin Ingall John Norrell Freelove Sisson Jos. John Southwick —

Sandwich Daniel Allen Timothy Davis Benjamin Gifford John Rogers Thomas Rogers & Benjamin Swift —

Rec'd a number of printed Epistles from London Dated from the 1st to the 24th of the 5th Month 1766 —

Rec'd one written Epistle from London dated from the 19th to the 24th of the 5th Month 1766

Rec'd one written Epistle from the Meeting for Sufferings of Ministers and Elders held the 20th of 5th Month 1766 —

Rec'd one written Epistle from the Yearly Meeting held at Pennsylvania & New Jersey from the 27th of the 4th Mo. to the 3d of the 10th Mo. 1766

Rec'd Epistles from the Yearly Meeting held at Reading in Long Island held from the 5th of the 9th Mo. to the 6th 1767. which were all read in this Meeting to good Satisfaction —

Rec'd Epistles from the several Quarterly Meetings with answers to the Queries and the many and repeated Deficiencies which appear therein brings this Meeting under a Necessity earnestly to press it upon Friends to be more careful for the future

A certificate in behalf of [illegible] Friend [illegible] from the Quarterly Meeting held at Nine Partners [illegible] was read in this Meeting to good Satisfaction —

Friends appointed to Draw Epistles to the several Yearly Meetings in Europe with Letters to this Meeting to be read a second day in course to the Eighth Day Forenoon with Thomas Rotch Abraham Barker Israel Pemberton Jr. Philip Physick

This Meeting adjourned to the 3d Day Forenoon in the afternoon

This Meeting Met according to adjournment —

The Committee appointed to draw a minute proper to be recorded on this Continued for that Service

The Friends Committee appointed to Inspect the Conveyances of the Meeting House in Rhode Island and nothing appearing they are Continued for that Service

It being represented to this Meeting that David Lord Deputed by the Monthly Meeting held at Rhode Island to be Clerk to this Meeting has before acted in that Station to good Satisfaction It is the Judgment of this Meeting that he be continued in his place as Clerk —

The Committee that were appointed to visit the Quarterly & Monthly Meetings within the verge of this Meeting was called on some of them made report of their progress therein and they are still Continued for that service as before

This Meeting is adjourn'd to the 9th hour next second day

This Meeting Met according to adjournment

An Epistle to the Yearly Meeting in London, was read approved of and Signed by a Number of Friends

The Epistles to the Yearly Meetings of Philadelphia and Pooking, and to the several Quarterly Meetings belonging to this Meeting, were read approved of & signed in this Meeting, by Isaac Lawton Clerk

A Certificate on behalf of Jacob Ashton and Samuel Nottingham Directed to the Yearly Meeting at Pooking was signed in this Meeting by a Number of Friends

It is the mind of this Meeting that our next Yearly Meeting for Good Discipline begin at the 8 hour in the afternoon on sixth day, but it is also Concluded that the Meeting for worship begin at the usual time the ensuing year if the Lord permit

From our Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Newport on Rhode Island for New England by adjournment from the 12th to the 15th day 6th month 1767 Inclusive

The Yearly Meeting of Friends met together in the Love of God and one another and in that Spring of Life & Love doth flow from the Root of Righteousness through the Cross of Christ our Immanuel Heading — and the humble faithful & Sincere hearted have had to rejoyce in the Spring of Gospel Life which truly is the good Heritage of God, Uniting them together one unto another and in that Spring of Life & Love doth flow to the Comfort of the Children of Light as they walk therein & partake thereof and we also have been refreshed with the precious Life & Power of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Assembly of our Friends at Samuel Nottingham from Compassion to poor Distant Places and Lovers of Zion in the Gospel Call from the natural Gospel Extension of the Love of God in Jesus Christ

We received your printed and written Epistles for the last year which was read in this Meeting and well accepted the Labours of Love therein contained & Counsel & Exhortation they are recommended to the Care of Yearly Meetings for the future

By Epistles from the several Quarterly Meetings we are informed that the Care of the Society remains renewed from the several Meetings for Worship & Discipline are kept up and in the main reasonably attended yet with grief this Meeting remarks the repeated Deficiencies respecting Love to one another & Tenderness of Conversation and a Worldly Concern prevailing in the minds

of many in this Meeting rejoiced in amendment have relieved the same by their Epistles to each Quarter ——

The Business of this Meeting hath been transacted in much peace, Love & Condescension and there appearing still a Concern to rest on the minds of the Friends who have visited the several Quarterly & Monthly Meetings to continue in that Service & this Meeting approving thereof they are Continued ——

In a good Degree of our Heavenly Fathers Love which softens and sweetens the Spirits of men do at this time Conclude & remain your Friends & brethren — Signed in & on behalf of said Meeting by ——

James Chase	Abraham Anthony	Peter Davis
Wm Anthony	Peter Barker	Thomas Rodman
Isaac Lawton	Nathaniel Greene	Sam.l Easton
Philip Tripp	James Easton	Gid.n Wanton
Benj.a Wright	Joseph Bond	Sam.l Collins
John Dockray	Theophilus Shove	Zacheus Collins
Obadiah Brown	Abraham Barker	Sam.l Nottingham
Jonathan Aubrey	John Southwick	Christopher Townsend
Henry Bowen	David Richard	Joseph Tucker
Job Eddy	Timothy Waterhouse	Abraham Tucker
Oliver Hall	Roger Turnum	Timothy Smith
Jonathan Macy	Timothy Davis	Jacob Mott
Benj.a Arnold	Benj.a Rotcum	John Hammond
Moses Aldrich	Jeremiah Thacher	James Sisson

At Our Yearly Meeting of Friends held on Rhode Island for New England begun at Portsmouth the 9th of the 6th Month 1768 for Worship and on the 10th in the afternoon our Meeting for Church Discipline began at Newport the Several Quarterly Meetings being Called their Representatives are ——

For Rhode Island James Easton Caleb Rotch Nathaniel Greene Thomas Steere Philip Chase John Collins & Peter Davel

Salem Zacheus Collins John Southwick Joseph Southwick Jeremiah Thacher Joseph Gaskill Obadiah Worrell & Winthrop Worrell

Sandwich Nathan Davis Timothy Davis John Rogers Thomas Rogers and Ebenezer Allen

And a Number of printed Epistles from the Yearly Meeting of London for the Year 1767 one of which is now Inserted Signed by the Clerk was read in this Meeting & ordered to be Recorded

[illegible]

A Certificate on behalf of our Esteemed Friend Thomas Corbin from this to the Monthly Meeting held at Deer Creek in the County of Harford & Province of Maryland was read in this Meeting to good Satisfaction —

A Certificate on behalf of our Esteemed Friend Aaron Lancaster produced by a Meeting held at the Purchase in the County of Westchester & Province of New York was read in this Meeting to good Satisfaction —

A Certificate on behalf of Edward Wood & Abraham Pearson from Falmouth Monthly Meeting held at Sherborne in the County of Dorset was read

Our Friends from Shrewsbury Monthly Meeting in Monmouth & New Jersey informed this Meeting that they had appointed a Meeting to be held at the House of Richard Wilson in the Township of Shrewsbury on the 4th day of this Week & desired some Friends from this Meeting might be present at it, but there are many Difficulties which this Meeting does not think proper to remove at present & therefore desire to be excused —

By Minute from Shrewsbury Monthly Meeting Aforesaid Ann Jones of Monmouth County in New Jersey requested an Certificate from this Meeting — The Request is granted & Thomas Scattergood & Samuel Emlen are appointed to prepare the same & present it to this Meeting for their Approbation —

Our Friends Thomas Scattergood, Samuel Emlen, Jeremiah Thacher & John Rogers are appointed a Committee to hear & Determine the matter and make return to this Meeting as soon as they can with Conveniency —

This Meeting is adjourned to the 5th day's Afternoon Meeting —

This Meeting met according to Adjournment —

The Committee appointed to visit the Meetings of Ministers & Elders & the Meetings of Friends in the Counties of Chester & Philadelphia [illegible] for that Service as Occasion may require —

The Committee appointed [illegible] of Ministers & Elders [illegible] inform the Meeting that they [illegible] Meeting held at Darby [illegible] Meeting [illegible] remains there [illegible] for this Meeting taking the matter [illegible] do appoint our Friends Thomas Scattergood, Moses Famum [illegible] Stream [illegible] Thomas Aldrich William Buffington William [illegible] & Philip Ford a Committee to visit Friends at [illegible] Meeting held at Darby on the 4th day of the Week [illegible] Meeting to request a Meeting of Ministers & Elders [illegible] Meeting held at Darby on the 4th day of the Week [illegible] Meeting to request a Meeting of Ministers & Elders [illegible]

Smith & Wm Rotch to Read Peter are appointed to draw Epistles to the several yearly & quarterly Meetings and bring them to this Meeting next second day in order to be sign'd

This Meeting is adjourn'd to the 4th hour this afternoon

This Meeting met according to Adjournment

The Committee that was appointed to visit the Quarterly & Monthly Meetings within the verge of this Meeting were called on some of them have report of their progress therein but not all and Committee continued to attend the service & be diligent therein as they find freedom

A proposal for reprinting a select part of the works of that truly eminent Friend William Penn was distributed to the several Quarterly Meetings in Order that they may procure Subscriptions as many as may be and bring them to the Meeting & William Ladd is appointed to receive such Subscriptions and transmit them to their correspondents in London

The Committee appointed to draw up Information on appeal brought by Jno Storey & Margaret from a Judgment of the Quarterly Meeting of Philadelphia made relative to the Meeting after hearing the Case do approve of & confirm which is as followeth

We the Subscribers being a Committee to draw [illegible] appeal brought by Jno Storey & Margaret from the Judgment of the Quarterly Meeting of Philadelphia to the present yearly Meeting have [illegible]

Jeffrey Pickering
John Rogers
Jeremiah Thacher

John Southwick
Joseph Southwick
Ebenezer Allen
James Nail

[illegible]

This Meeting is adjourn'd to the 9th hour next second day

[illegible]

Quarterly Meetings belonging to this Meeting are read approved & signed in this Meeting by Isaac Paxton Clerk

This Meeting is adjourned until the Conclusion of the Meeting for Worship

This Meeting not according to adjournment

Certificate [illegible]

From the Yearly Meeting held in London and by Adjournment from the 29th of the 5th Mo. to the 8th of the same Inclusive 1811

The Yearly Meeting of Friends and Brethren [illegible]

We might further inform that the affairs of the Church have been carried on

by Brethren [illegible]

Concern [illegible]

& Comfort, the printed & Transcripts of the written are sent down to their

respective Quarters, recommending the Contents thereof to their notice

Your Friends & Brethren

N.B. Our last Yearly Meetings Epistle happening to be mislaid on the

[illegible]

Joseph Jacob — Peter Dixon

[illegible] Anthony	Benj[a] Arnold	Joseph Tucker
Wm Rhod. Arnold	Timothy Nicholson	Sam[l] Collins
[illegible] Lake	Nathan Sayer	Zacheus Collins
Caleb Earle	Daniel Richards	Jeremiah Tucker
[illegible] Eddy	Thos Arnold	John Dorrance
Jeremiah Thicher	James Greene	Timothy Davis
Jethro Kitchell	James Mitchell	Nathan Davis
John Southwick	Peleg Aldrich	Obadiah Morrill
Samuel Allen	Daniel Cole	Joseph Arnold
Moses Field	Moses Lasdon	Joseph Southwick
Thos Gould Jr	Benj[a] Steere	John Collins
	Nathan Farnum Jun[r]	Solomon Hoxsie
	Silvan Wickham	

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends held on Rhode Island for New England began at Portsmouth the 5th of the 6th Month 1769 for Worship and on the 6th in the afternoon Our Meeting for Church Discipline began, to report the several Quarterly Meetings being called here Synod Meeting &c

Viz. Dartmouth James Mitchell Joseph Tucker Abraham Tucker Nathaniel Greene Jonathan Masey Thomas Steere Caleb Earl John Collins & Peter Davel —

Salem Benjamin Hagnel John Morrill Zacheus Collins John Southwick and Jonathan Mosher —

Scituate John Cooper Thomas Cooper Isaac Field Stephen Sowerman and David Sowerman —

Received a Number of Epistles from the Yearly Meeting of Friends and Letters from Friends which were read from the 5th to the 8th of the Month after which their Written Epistle of the Same date was read in the Meeting to good Satisfaction —

Received Epistles from the several Quarterly Meetings with several Letters which were read in this Meeting which appear mostly Edifying & they appear to be made with honesty, but there yet appears to be many Differences for the Ministerial Elders of Friends to be Exercised with to Labour — appointed

The Committee by the last Yearly Meeting to visit Friends in Nantucket in order that their Difference respecting the Communion might be settled made report to this Meeting by which it appears the Difference is not settled, therefore the Committee are still Continued and Benjamin Arnold Obadiah Wanton and Edward Shaw are added to them to perform the Service —

A Certificate on behalf of our Ancient Friend Rachel Wilson from the Monthly Meeting held at Kendal in Westmoreland dated the 24th of the 6th Mo. 1768 and likewise a few lines from the Quarterly Meeting Concerning Her with, and one from the Meeting Meeting of Ministers & Elders held in London dated the 8th of the 8th Mo. 1768 were read in this Meeting to good Satisfaction —

A Certificate on behalf of our Esteemed Friend Sarah Hopkins from the Monthly Meeting of Haddonfield in the County of Gloucester West New Jersey dated the 4th of 8th Mo. 1769

and also a Certificate on behalf of her Companion Esther Pemberton from the Monthly Meeting at Philadelphia dated from the 26th to the 31st of the 7th Mo. 1769 were read in this Meeting to good Satisfaction ——

This Meeting is adjourned to the 9th hour to morrow morning

This Meeting Met according to adjournment ——

An Epistle from the Meeting for Sufferings in London dated the 10th of 8th Mo. 1769 directed to Friends in the several Provinces in North America was read in this Meeting to good Satisfaction & is ordered to be transcribed and Sent down to the Several Quarterly Meetings ——

An Epistle from the Yearly Meeting of Philadelphia from the 24th to the 30th of the 5th Mo. 1769 and also an Epistle from the Yearly Meeting held at Flushing for the Province of New York dated from the 27th to the 29th of the 5th Mo. 1769 were read in this Meeting to good Satisfaction and the Counsel & advice therein Contained is recommended to friends Observation ——

The Standing Committee appointed to Solicit the Governor of the Massachusetts on behalf of Suffering Friends were Called on and report to this Meeting that they have not any Friend Come under Suffering since last Yearly Meeting so as to need their Service in that respect & Committee are still Continued for that Service Occasion may require ——

The Committee appointed to view Manuscripts proposed to be printed are still Continued for that Service ——

An Epistle from the Quarterly Meeting of Rhode Island now Received & the Consideration of this Meeting whether that part of the 8th Query respecting the Education of Youth wherein they are pressed by Ministers or Meetings to Encourage in the Principles of Education ought not to be further amended & Elucidated Seeing that they apprehend it unconfined & indefinite some of the Expression not well agreeing with Grammatical Propriety & long Custom in the true Christian Education whereupon this Meeting appoints their Friends [illegible] to meet with Friends of Rhode Island Meeting the Ensuing Eighth Month Next & report to next Meeting ——

The Friends Appointed to Receive Subscriptions & Collect Money for the Relief of Friends Sufferers in Boston Report that they have received Subscriptions to the Amount of Fifty Pounds Lawful Money which is ordered to be Remitted to Boston by Bill of Exchange & the Friends Appointed to receive & Collect the same are Continued for that Service ——

This Meeting is adjourned to the 10th hour next Second Day ——

This Meeting Met according to adjournment

The Committee appointed to take into Consideration the Proposal brought from Shrewsbury Quarterly Meeting respecting the 10th Query made their report to this Meeting which being read & Considered is approved and is as followeth We the Committee appointed to consider the Query mentioned in the report from Shrewsbury Quarterly Meeting having met and entered into a full Consideration of the Subject are of the mind that a Clause of Admonition may be made in the query referred to for Inspecting more fully the Christian Endeavours in Labouring with such who Continue in possession of Slaves should be first promoted by which means the eyes of Friends may be more clearly opened to shew the Iniquity of the practice of detaining our fellow Creatures in bondage & Oppression from which Motive we are united to inform this Meeting that the Clause is prepared & report made to the Meeting to be laid before the next Quarterly Meeting for their further Deliberation & Determining that further Step to take in the affair which has given so much Concern to faithful Friends, And that in the mean time it should be inforced upon Friends that have them in possession to treat them with tenderness Impress Gods fear on their minds promote their Religious Improvement & give such as are young at Learning that they may be Capable of Reading

Isaac Burnham	Amos Botsford	John Goodwick
Ephraim Congdon	John Rogers	Thomas Moore
Daniel Sweetman	Thomas Rogers	James Chace
	Jeremiah Tucker	[illegible]

A Copy of the above the Clerk is desired to transmit to the several Quarterly Meetings — The alteration of the 10th Query is referred to the next Yearly Meeting

The Meeting appointed to Inspect into the State of Society throughout this Yearly Meeting Report that they have had the same under their Consideration & have appointed Friends to visit each Quarterly Meeting within the Compass of this Yearly Meeting Viz Moses Farnum John Collins John Rogers Thomas Rogers & John Merrill & Jeremiah Tucker & Wm Rotch Junr to accompany them from the present Quarterly Meeting & make report of their Service to the next Yearly Meeting

An Epistle to the Yearly Meeting in London was read approved of and Signed in this Meeting by a Number of Friends

An Epistle to the Yearly Meeting of Philadelphia & the Meeting in Dublin & to the several Quarterly Meetings belonging to this Meeting was read & approved of in this Meeting & Signed by the Clerk

Certificates on behalf of Our Friends Isaac Wilbur & Jonathan Peckham & Sarah Gibbons & Susanna Brooke & the several Meetings to which they belong were produced in this Meeting

This Meeting is adjourned to the 3d hour this afternoon

This Meeting met according to adjournment

The Committee that was appointed to visit the Monthly & Quarterly Meetings having been often called on and given up from meeting to be excused & they are therefore for the present Discontinued

It is agreed that the yearly Meeting for Discipline begin at the 4th hour in the afternoon on Sixth day Next year

From Our Yearly Meeting of Friends held in London for the Kingdom of England by adjournments from the 9th of the 6th Mo. to the 12th of the same Inclusive 1769 — To the Yearly Meeting of Friends next holden in London — Dear Friends & Brethren —

In a feeling Sense of Brotherly Love we affectionately salute you and hereby Inform that the Our Annual Assembly is favourably favoured with the Overshadowing of the Fathers Love which has enabled us to transact the Affairs of the Church in a good Degree of Love and Condescention —

By Epistles from Our Several Quarterly Meetings we find that there are some amongst us who are concerned for maintaining good Order in the Church yet with Grief we have to observe that there is too great a remissness in —

We received your printed Epistle dated 5th Month 1768 and another Epistle from the Meeting for Sufferings dated the 3d Mo. 1769 all which were read in this Meeting and kindly accepted and as they contain much Good advice in the present State of Circumstances the Contents thereof are recommended to the notice & Observation of Friends in general, We observe the concluding part of not receiving an Answer to your Epistle dated the 6th Mo. 1767 that was occasioned by a Letter accidentally miscarrying but hope no Censure will be taken for the future to prevent such miscarriages as being sensible that such an Epistolary Correspondence is very profitable & Satisfying —

We have also to inform that we have been favoured with the company of our Ancient Friend Rachel Wilson from your Country whose Labours of Love in the Gospel hath been very acceptable — In Christian Love we again salute you & remain your Friends & Brethren —

Signed in & on behalf of said Meeting after being read by

Jonathan Mulford
Ezra Kelly
Thomas Gould Jun.
Silas Hall
Silas Hopkins
Isaac Bonsey
Thomas Eldridge
John Southwick
Eli Collins
Wm. Mitchell
Thomas Gould
Jeremiah Tucker

Solomon Paxson
Jonathan Mulford
Timothy Matthews
Benjamin Comstock
Isaac Lawton
Judah Wooster
Weston Hicks
Dan. Weston
Wm. Mathews
Caleb Earl
William Jazzens
John Parsons
Charles Gibbs

Timothy Davis
Samuel Hall
Stephen Wilson
Isaac Wilson
Thomas Hazard
Benjamin Arnold
Abraham Barker
David Richards
Stephen Peckham
Samuel Casey
Daniel Updike

Peter Davis
Caleb Gardner
Ezekiel Gibbs
Abraham Mathewson
Joseph Tucker
Abraham Barker
Peter Barker
Silas Casey
Christopher Smith
John Mumford
James Greene
Samuel Gorton

At Our Yearly Meeting of Friends held on Rhode Island for
Rhode Island & Warwick & adjourned to [illegible] for Portsmouth
and on the 8th in the afternoon our Meeting for Sufferings
began at Newport the several Quarterly Meetings being called &
their Representatives Names as

For { Rhode Island Jeremiah Brayton Joseph Tucker Tom's Mumford
Nick. Henry Job Anthony Wm. Wilbur Philip Tripp & Sam'l Smith —
Salem John Allen Zacheus Collins Daniel Rucker & Nathan Stites
Sandwich John Rogers Thomas Rogers & Nathan Davis ——

Part of the Committee under appointment by last yearly Meeting in Order
to visit Friends on Nantucket respecting Settling their Differences having
by some ways made return to this Meeting that said Difference is deter-
mined by Arbitration which is to Satisfaction ——

The standing Committee appointed to Solicit the Governour of the Massachusetts
on behalf of Suffering Friends were Called on & report that there Colonel may
have come under Sufferings & to need their Service in that respect, the
Committee are still Continued for that service as Occasion may require ——

The Committee appointed to view manuscripts proposed to be printed are
Continued for that Service ——

The greater part of the Committee appointed by last yearly Meeting to
visit such parts throughout the yearly Meeting as are Concerned in keeping
slaves to Endeavour to dissuade them from that practice made report to
this meeting that they have visited most of the members belonging to the yearly
Meeting & to peticular Meetings except Salem Quarter, said Committee re Continued
in order to compleat that service & make return to next yearly Meeting ——

This Meeting appoints our Friends Moses Brown James Lapham John Collins
James Mitchell Thomas Hazard William Rotch Jonathan Grey Moses
Brown Wm. Rotch Jr. Edward Thorp Committee to take into Consideration whether
it be expedient at this time to make an alteration in the 10th Query, and if
they find it to be so, to draw up such proposals as they shall think Convenient
& present them to the adjournment of this Meeting ——

The morning meeting of Ministers & Elders presented to this Meeting by
Committee a proposal & request for stirring up the negligent & maintain-
ing good Order & decency in Our Society, the Consideration whereof is referred
to the adjournment of this Meeting ——

The Epistles from the several Quarterly Meetings with answers to the Queries
which were read in this Meeting ——

This Meeting is adjourn'd to the 8th hour to morrow morning ——

This Meeting met according to adjournment

Rec'd a number of printed Epistles from the Yearly Meeting of our friends & Brethren in London dated from the 17th to the 21st of the 5th mo 1770 one of which with the written Epistle of the same date was read in this Meeting to good Satisfaction the written Epistle is ord'd to be transcribed and sent to the several Quarterly Meetings

The Epistle from the Yearly Meeting of Philadelphia dated from the 23d to the 28th of the 5th mo 1769, and also an Epistle from the Yearly Meeting held at Flushing for the Province of New York dated from the 26th to the 28th of the 5th mo 1770 were read in this meeting to Satisfaction

The Committee appointed to take into Consideration the matter respecting the alteration of the 3d Query, propose the following (viz.) —

To the Query viz. Are Friends clear of importing buying or any ways disposing of negroes or Slaves, and do they use those well that are under their care, not in circumstances through nonage or incapacity to be set at Liberty, And do they give those that are young such an Education as becomes Christians, & are the Others encouraged in a Religious & Virtuous Life, And are all set at Liberty that are of age Capable and Suitable for freedom — Which this Meeting fully Considering do approve of and Substitute in the room of 3d Query and recommend to the Quarterly & Monthly Meeting that they take care it be duly Complyed with

This Meeting is adjourned to the 3d hour this afternoon —

This Meeting met according to adjournment

The Quarterly Meeting of Rhode Island desire the advice of this Meeting respecting what Transgressions or misconduct against the advice or minutes of friends should be publickly testified against either by the Meeting or the parties offending — and also whether it be not an inconsistency in friends Conduct in allowing their members to undertake to joyn people in marriage after the manner of the World — Our friends Nathan Davis John Rogers Jeremiah Tabor Obadiah Wheeler Thomas Peore Moses Harmon Edward Upton Jo. Anthony Thomas Wilbur Edward Rose Abraham Anthony & Micah Rathbone are appointed a Committee to take the above matter with that brought from the Meeting for Sufferings into Consideration & make return of their Sense & Judgment therein as soon as may be with Convenience

A Certificate on behalf of our Esteemed friend Joshua Brown from the Monthly Meeting of Nottingham in the County of Chester & Province of Pennsylvania dated the 5th of the 5th mo 1770 — and also a Certificate on behalf of our Esteemed friend David Willis from the Monthly Meeting of Westbury on Long Island dated the 30th of the 5th mo 1770 were read in this Meeting to good Satisfaction —

Our friends Abraham Bates, William Redwood Jonathan Young Jno Shotwell Joseph Mitchell John Hadwen Ephraim Long are appointed to draw Epistles to the several Yearly & Quarterly Meetings & bring them to the Adjournment of this Meeting next Second day

An account of the Sufferings of three friends belonging to this Meeting was laid before it read & ordered to be recorded —

This Meeting is adjourn'd to the 9th hour next Second day —

This Meeting met according to Adjournment

The Committee appointed to Consider of & give Judgment concerning the proposal & request brought from the Meeting of Ministers & Elders and also the Epistle other matters from the Quarterly Meeting of Rhode Island and made the following return Viz.

We being appointed by the Yearly Meeting now sitting to Consider the proposal & request brought from the morning Meeting of Ministers & Elders and also the matters refered to the yearly Meeting from the Quarterly Meeting of Rhode Island for their Advice & Judgment having weightily Considered the matters reported as aforesaid Do Judge it meet & Expedient concerning the proposal brought from the morning Meeting of Ministers & Elders Concerning members not attending their meetings for Discipline that the same be established as a Rule in our Society — Concerning the request brought from the morning Meeting it is our Judgment that the establishing such Select Meetings under such regulations as is prescribed in said request may be of Service in our Society See these Annexed X

And as to the matter refered from the Quarterly Meeting of Rhode Island concerning what Transgression or misconduct Ought to be publickly testified against either by the meeting or the parties offending it is our Judgment that the first paragraph in the book of Discipline under the head of Discipline page 99 is a sufficient Rule in that Case if attended to —

And as to the reference from the Quarterly Meeting whether it be not inconsistency in point of conduct in allowing their members to undertake to solemnize marriage after the manner of the World it is our Judgment that it is an inconsistency — And it is the mind of this Meeting that if any such thing be found in the practice thereof for the future he be dealt with as a transgressor

Nathan Wheeler
Jeremy Hacker
Stanton Shove
Moses Brennan Jr
Ebenezer Slocum

Jacob Mott Jr
Edward Upton
Nathan Lewis
John Rogers

James Cox Jr
Thomas Wilbur
Edward Shove
Abraham Anthony

The Clerk of this Meeting is Directed to record a Copy of the above Judgment in the several Quarterly Meetings with the proposals & other matters mentioned above —

Copies of the above ordered to be sent to the several Quarterly Meetings

This Meeting is adjourned to Tomorrow morning to Eight a Clock —

This Meeting is adjourned to Monday morning to Eight a Clock —

This meeting by a number of Friends

Several Epistles were read & approved of & ordered to be sent to the several Quarterly Meetings

Several Epistles were read & approved of & ordered to be sent to the several Quarterly Meetings

Establishing select meetings

not to be countenanced

That where it shall appear upon due Inspection made,
that any Member shall or do neglect or omit the due
attendance of their Meetings through Sloth, Indolence, Love
of the World or Lukewarmness in Religion, that each Month-
ly Meeting take care that all such be timely Visited in Love
and Acquainted with the Mind and desire of Friends, in that case
and Admonished to faithfulness therein: And if neglecting
the due Christian labour and Admonition, they or any shall
continue in the said Neglect or Omission, if a Minister his or
her Publick Testimony be denied, and if an Elder he or
she be dismissed from that Station.

We also desire that you would take into Consideration
whether it might not prove advantageous to our Society to have
at each Yearly Meeting, a Select Meeting both at the
beginning & end of every such Meeting, and also Committee Appointed to have the Oversight of such Meetings and make
Report to the Select Meetings there in being and also to the
yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders annually at
Newport.

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends next to be held in London

Dear Friends & Brethren — Having met with a Concern which we believe
will be freely & kindly received by you, to impart to you the Sense we have
had of the weighty Affairs of the Church, which came before us in the Course of
We received your printed & written Epistle of the 3rd mo. 1789 which were read
to our mutual Comfort & Satisfaction, and the good Advice therein contained, is recommended to the notice & observation of our Quarterly
We are sorry to find it is so long since you received any Epistles from us
by the Ships bound to London, but as the Ground
of that matter in our last Year's Epistle, we shall
further think it unnecessary to add any thing further respecting it, but shall
be very agreeable to us, if you would inform us to whose Care you would have
them sent and how & in what manner they should be directed, for the future, and
we will endeavour punctually to comply therewith. By accounts from the
Yearly Meetings we find there is a Religious Concern upon the minds of some to
visit us from the Southward & Westward, but as there are not any
mentioned to be expected this Year, we conclude the
to be of little Utility — This Meeting has been favoured
from time to time with the Assistance of Truth in conducting
and exercising the Discipline, which we trust has come to the Comfort
that Freedom ought to be no way used in imparting Instruction to any
who are not in Membership with us, that they set all at Liberty
& Ability suitable for Freedom — and have likewise recommended it to the
several Quarterly & Monthly Meetings to see that it be complied with —
In Brotherly Love we conclude & remain your friends & Brethren

Signed in & on behalf of the Meeting by —

John Hadwen
Philip Wanton
Thomas Rich
Peter Pettigrew
Abel Tripp
Silas Lake
Silas Earle
Joseph Crandall
James Rhodes Jun.r of Dart.
Joseph Crandon

Thomas Hazard
Weston Hicks
Benj.a Arnold
John Rogers
Timothy Waterhouse
Abraham Barker
Moses Harris Jun.r
Jacob Mott Jun.r
Peter Perkins
Isaac Lawton
Thomas Hicks
Jeremiah Hacker
Philip Tripp
Jonathan Maxy
Wm Anthony Jun.r
Thomas Gould Jun.r
Sam.l Smith
Peter Hazard
Wm Coggeshall

Peter Davis
Stephen Anthony
Theophilus Shove
Moses Farnum
Jacob Collins
Christopher Townsend
John Hazard
Joseph Jacob
Timothy Davis
Nathan Davis
Josiah Rogers
Thomas Moore
Joseph Tucker
James Mitchell
Daniel Cozzens
Peter Davis Jun.r
Peter Barker
John Collins

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends held on Rhode Island for [illegible] the 12th of the 6th Month 1771 by Adjournments from Day to Day [illegible] Friends from Each Quarterly Meeting belonging to this Yearly Meeting being all their Representatives are

Rhode Island James Mitchell Jacob Mott Jun. Caleb Russell Ephraim Congdon Nathan Tracy Benj. Wood Jabez Earl John Collins & Joshua Lovel ——

Salem Benj. Bagnal Wm. Morrell John Southwick Jeremiah Hacker Sandwich Samuel Wing Thomas Rogers Nathan Davis and Thomas Hathway ——

One of the Committee appointed to Solicit the Governour of the Massachusetts on behalf of Suffering Friends made report to this Meeting that there had not any proper Case risen where Suffering was needed their Service And inasmuch as some of the Committee are removed by Death this Meeting Continues those who are living of them Viz. Benj. Bagnal Robert Pope Timothy Davis Jun. Smith & Ebenezer Pope and add to them Jeremiah Hacker Theophilus Shove John Southwick John Morrell Thomas Hathway Samuel Wing William Anthony Jun. & Moses Farnum for that Service as Occasion may require ——

The Committee appointed to view manuscripts proposed to be printed are Continued for that Service ——

Our friends John Cooke Moses Farnum Thomas Moore Ephraim Congdon John Southwick Thomas Hazard & Caleb Russell are appointed a Committee to inspect into a minute of the Yearly Meeting made in the year 1759 wherein Nantucket friends appear then they are restricted from the free & full Exercise of our Discipline and make report to this meeting what they think necessary in that case and likewise to consider under what head in the book of Discipline to place those matters respecting Our Discipline Concluded on by the last Yearly Meeting ——

Received accounts from the Several Quarterly Meetings with answers to the Queries which were read in this Meeting

A Certificate on Behalf of our Esteemed friend Joseph Oxley from the Monthly Meeting of Norwich in Old England dated the 23d of the 3d Mo. 1770 with two Concurrent Certificates one from the Quarterly Meeting for the County of Norfolk at Norwich dated the 28th of the 3d Mo. 1770 and one from the Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders at London dated from the 3d to the 11th of the 6th Mo. 1770 were read in this Meeting to Satisfaction

This Meeting is adjourned to the 7th hour tomorrow morning ——

This Meeting met according to adjournment ——

Our friends Benj. Bagnal Moses Farnum William Redwood & Samuel Wing are appointed to draw an address to the Governour of the Massachusetts and bring it to the Adjournment of this Meeting ——

Rec'd a Number of printed Epistles from the Yearly Meeting of our friends & Brethren in London dated from the 4th to the 9th of the 6th Mo. 1770 one of which with their written Epistle of the same date was read in this Meeting to good Satisfaction ——

An Epistle from the Yearly Meeting of Philadelphia dated from the 22d to the 28th of the 5th M. 1770 and also an Epistle from the Yearly Meeting held at Flushing for the Province of New York dated from the 25th to the 27th of the 5th Mo. 1771 were read in this Meeting to good Satisfaction The written Epistles from London Philadelphia & Flushing are Ordered to be transcribed and sent to the Several Quarterly Meetings ——

Our friends William Redwood Jacob Mott Jur. William Rotch Abraham Barker Joseph Mitchell Wm. Anthony Jur. & Thos. Rathway & Isaiah Wheeler are appointed to draw Epistles to the Several Yearly & Quarterly Meetings & transcribe the Epistles from the Several Yearly Meetings & bring them to the adjournment of this Meeting next second day & also to prepare Certificates for Our Friends Joseph Oxley & Joshua Thompson ——

This Meeting is adjourned to the 4th hour this afternoon ——

This Meeting met according to adjournment ——

A Certificate on behalf of our esteemed friend Joshua Thompson from the Monthly Meeting held at Salem in New Jersey the 27th of the 5th Mo. 1771 was read in this Meeting to Satisfaction ——

Our esteemed friend Gaius Talcott presented to this Meeting a minute from the Monthly Meeting of friends held on the Oblong in the province of New York Signifying their approbation of his visit here which was read to Satisfaction ——

The Representatives being requested by this Meeting to Consider what sum might be proper for this Meeting to raise to send to our friends in England to Support their Yearly Meeting Stock in London having duly Considered that matter Conclude that this Meeting raise fifty pounds sterling for that Service in the following manner viz. the Quarterly Meeting of Rhode Island thirty five pounds the Quarterly Meeting of Salem Seven pounds & the Quarterly Meeting of Sandwich eight pounds of which this Meeting approves and desire the Quarterly Meetings to send the Several Sums as soon as they can with Convenieney to Our friend William Redwood at Newport who is appointed to receive the Same & transmit it to our Correspondents in London ——

This Meeting is adjourned to the 8th hour next second day ——

This Meeting Met according to adjournment ——

The greater part of the Committee Continued by last Yearly Meeting to visit such throughout the Yearly Meeting as are concerned in keeping Slaves & endeavours to dissuade them from that practice made return to this Meeting which is received & is as follows ——

Agreeable to the appointment of the Yearly Meeting in 1769 & 1770 We have partly generally visited the Members belonging to the Yearly Meeting who are possessed of negroes as Slaves, and have Laboured with them respecting setting such at Liberty that are suitable for freedom; Our visits mostly seemed to be kindly accepted Some friends manifested a disposition to set such at Liberty that were suitable, Some others not having so clear a sight of such an unreasonable Servitude as could be desired, were unwilling to comply with the advice given them at present, yet seemed willing to take it in to Consideration. a few others which we have with sorrow to remark were mostly of the Elder sort manifested a disposition to keep them still in a Continued state of Bondage. this appears to us to be the present State of the Case ——

Newport 14th of the 6th M. 1771

Wm Rotch
Jeremiah Rather

James Chase
John Collins
John Rogers
James Mitchell
Jonathan Nash
John Morse

An address to the Governour of the Massachusetts was read in this Meeting by the Clerk & ordered to be presented to him by some of those friends who are appointed to Solicit the Governour on behalf of Suffering Friends —

This Meeting is adjourned to the 3d hour this afternoon —

This Meeting met according to adjournment —

An Epistle to Our Friends & Brethren in London was read approved of & Signed in this Meeting by a Number of Friends.

Epistles to the Yearly Meetings of Philadelphia & Flushing & to the Several Quarterly Meetings were read & approved in this Meeting & Signed by the Clerk

Certificates on behalf of our esteemed Friends Joseph Oxley & Joshua Thompson were Signed in this Meeting & directed to the Meetings to which they belong —

From Our Yearly Meeting held at Newport on Rhode Island for New England by adjournments from the 14th of the 6th Mo 1771 to the 17th of the same Inclusive. — To Our Friends & Brethren at their next Yearly Meeting to be held in London, Dearly Beloved Friends — Under a feeling Sense of Divine Goodness which has measurably attended this Our Annual Assembly We affectionately Salute you, and hereby inform that this Meeting has been pretty large, and the weighty affairs of the Church which has come before us Conducted in a good degree of Love & Condescention — We received your printed & Written Epistles of the 6th Mo 1770 which were read in this Meeting to our mutual Comfort & Satisfaction, and the wholesom advice therein Contained is recommended to the notice & Observation of Our Several Quarterly Meetings. — This Meeting has Concluded to Contribute the Sum of Fifty pounds Sterling for the Supply of the Yearly Meeting Stock in London and to be sent to our Correspondents there. — By accounts received from our Several Quarterly Meetings we find there remains a Concern amongst a remnant for maintaining good Order in the Church, tho with sorrow we have to behold a great indifferency & Lukewarmness in too many of the professors of truth amongst us which is very painful to the honest hearted We have also to inform you that we have the Company of our esteemed friend Joseph Oxley at this Meeting whose Labour of Love in the Ministry & Discipline hath been truly acceptable to us In Gospel Love we again Salute you & remain your Friends & Brethren

Signed in & on behalf of the Meeting by

Moses Farnum
John Farnum
John Morrell
Thomas Gould & Jun.r
William Lake
Cary Spencer
Edward Sipson
Joseph Mitchell
Ephraim Congdon
Giles Hosier
Edward Thurston
Thomas Buzzard Junr & Rob.t
Isaac Lawton

Jethro Hathway
Robert Lillibridge
Moses Aldrich
Thomas Rogers
Caleb Earle
Jonathan Mowry
William Anthony Junr
Jacob Mott Junr
William Ezzens
Ebor Chase
William Foleh
Edw.d Pelet Junr
John Metcalf
John Southwick

Jeremiah Hacker
James Mitchell
Thomas Shore
Nathan Davis
Benjamin Arnold
Daniel Cafe
Samuel Wing
Jabez Carpenter
Timothy Waterhouse
Robert Knowles
Abraham Barker
Thomas Hathway
Job Anthony
Gideon Manton

Peter Davis
Abraham Anthony
Joseph Jacob
Benj.n Bagnal
Christopher Town
Joseph Tucker
James Chace
John Collins
Paul Cuffee
James Greene
Samuel [illegible]
Peter Davis Junr
Solomon Hoxie

(11) Our Yearly Meeting ... held on Rhode Island for New England ... 2d day of the 11th month ... 6th month 1772 for Worship & on the 4th in the afternoon Our Meeting for Church Discipline began at Newport, The Several Quarterly Meetings being Called their representatives are ——

Rhode Island Abraham Anthony Joseph ... Thomas Steere Edward Upton John Collins & Joshua Davel

Eastern ... Jeremiah Tucker ... Daniel Quinton

Dartmouth Samuel Wing ... Austin & Ebenezer Allen ——

Received accounts from the Several Quarterly Meetings with answers to the Queries which were read in this Meeting ——

William Ladson informed this Meeting that he had received per the Yearly Meeting Epistle the Same they were desired to send to him to Supply the Yearly Meeting Stock in London & that he with the Same to Our Correspondent there

The Quarterly Meeting of Rhode Island inform that Humphry Smith of Dartmouth ... desired an appeal from a Judgment of this Meeting and this Meeting appoints our friends Jeremiah Tucker Daniel Quinton Steere ... Samuel Wood George Allen Jeremiah Austin ... Nathan Shearman a Committee to hear & determine the matter & make return to the adjournment of this Meeting ——

This Meeting appoints Our friends Abraham Anthony Thomas Steere Joseph Congdon John Collins Timothy Davis Ebenezer Allen Samuel Wing Thomas Hazard Timothy Hanson Elijah Watkins ... Cyprian Thomas Obadiah Wheeler & Nathan Davis a Committee to take under Consideration the Several Matters brought from the Quarterly Meeting of Rhode Island for the more Consideration of this Meeting ... make return to the adjournment of this Meeting ——

This Meeting is adjourned to the 5th hour tomorrow morning ——

This Meeting met by Adjournment ——

Our Friends Abraham Barker William Ladson William Ladson Commissioners from Carolina Samuel Smith Joseph Mitchell Benjamin Morgan from Virginia Benjamin Pierpont David Sleare Jonathan Arnold from Nantucket Thomas Mitchell appointed to bring Epistles to this Yearly Meeting from Philadelphia & Nantucket and also to the Several Quarterly Meetings belonging to this Nation to bring them to the adjournment of this Meeting next Second day ——

The Committee appointed to view manuscripts proposed to be printed have Continued for that Service

This Meeting is adjourned to the 4 hour P.M. tomorrow ——

Met according to adjournment ——

Received a Number of printed Epistles from the Yearly Meeting of Our Friends and Ministers in London dated from the 8th to the 25th of the 3d mo 1773 one of which with their written Epistle of the Same date was read in this Meeting to good Satisfaction

An Epistle from the [illegible] Meeting of Philadelphia dated the [illegible] to the 26th of the 9th Month 1771 and also an Epistle from the Yearly Meeting [illegible] Meeting for the Province of New York dated from the 10th of the 5th Mo. to the 2nd of the 6th Mo. 1772 were read in this Meeting to good Satisfaction, all the above mentiond written Epistles are Ordered to be transcribed and sent to the Several Quarterly Meetings

A Certificate on behalf of Our Esteemed Friend John Sleeper from the Monthly Meeting of Burlington in the Province of New Jersey dated the 3 of the 2nd Month 1772 was read in this Meeting to Satisfaction

This Meeting is adjourned to the 10th hour next Second day ——

Met according to adjournment ——

Part of the Committee appointed to Visit the Governour of the Massachusetts on behalf of Suffering friends made report that there had not been any Occasion of their Service in that respect in the Last year said Committee are Continued for that Service as Occasion may require ——

A Certificate on behalf of our esteemed friend John Sleeper directed to the Monthly Meeting of friends at Burlington in the Province of New Jersey was Signed in this Meeting ——

The Committee appointed [illegible] the Several Matters brought from the Quarterly Meeting of Rhode Island for the Consideration & advice of this Meeting made return to this Meeting which is accepted & ordered to be Sent in the Epistles to the Several Quarterly Meetings & is as followeth

[illegible] Committee appointed to advise [illegible] make exception [illegible] Rhode Island Quarter do Signify our Sense & Judgment on them Severally in the following manner

It is thought that an Extract from the Epistle of the Meeting for Sufferings in London in the year 1761 might be Useful for friends within this Yearly Meeting ——

As to the Consistancy of the Members of our Society joining themselves with those Called Free Masons we have Considered upon it according to our present Judgment think it is not Consistant with our Religious profession and advise that Quarterly & Monthly Meetings dissuade their Members therefrom and if any Continue therein or join therewith Contrary to the advice herein Contained that they be dealt with as such who refuse the advice of [illegible]

Free Masons

As to Subscriptions Collections & Donations for publick uses [illegible] Judgment they Ought to be so be [illegible] Meeting [illegible] Solely only

Subscriptions &c

marriage

Testimonies

Certificate

Certificate

marriage

[illegible] Judgment and Discipline for the Correction of Children Children Step Children Half Brothers Children Half Sisters Children and a first Cousin Child and all persons whomsoever under that Relation and Profession are advised to desist therefrom and if any of the aforesaid shall proceed in marriage after due Care taken and Counsel being seriously sought and Labour used with them in the Spirit of Meekness where such may be found guilty of a publick Testimony against them and not be received into Unity again until such time as they shall show forth such fruits meet for Repentance as that such persons have godly sorrow and are received in the Truth —

The following are adopted as rules of Our Society — That when Publick Friends have it on their minds to travel out of the verge of the Quarterly Meeting they belong to that they acquaint the Elders of their respective Meeting with their concern for their advice before they move it to the preparative Meeting in order for the Monthly Meeting, and also when they have it in their minds to travel out of the verge of the Yearly Meeting that they proceed in the manner above directed from the Quarterly Meeting they belong to Concurring with the Monthly Meeting therein

And that any person coming from one Monthly Meeting to another in order to propose their intentions of Marriage that they bring a Certificate with them from the first Monthly Meeting from the Meeting where they belong Signifying their parents or Guardians consent if they have any as well as their Conversation & disentanglement with other persons

Timothy Davis
Moses Farnum
Capt Congdon
Thomas Hazard

Nathan Davis
Hadiah Wheeler
Elijah Gardiner
Ebenezer Allen

Abraham Anthony
Samuel Wing
Thomas Steere
Timothy Hopkinson
John Collins

This Meeting is adjourned to the 4th hour this afternoon

Met according to adjournment —

A Epistle to our Friends & Brethren in London was read approved & Signed in this Meeting by a Number of Friends

This Meeting is adjourned to the 7th hour tomorrow morning ———

Met according to adjournment ———

The major part of the Committee appointed to hear & determine the matter brought by appeal from a Judgment of the Quarterly Meeting held at Dartmouth made return which is as follows

To the Yearly Meeting now sitting ———

We being appointed a Committee to hear & determine an appeal brought to this Meeting by Timothy Smith from a Judgment of this Meeting held at Dartmouth the 15th of the 1st month 1772 against him Have had a Meeting for the purpose & having the evidences & Allegations of both parties and maturely Considering all Circumstances relative thereto & that the matter in dispute appears clear to us to be title of Land & that our Judgment and Skill ought not to be required to arbitration in Matters of Law

Nicholas Davis
Sam[l] Gould
George Allen
Jeremiah Austin

dated the 15th of 6th Mo 1772

Epistle to the Yearly Meeting of Philadelphia & Flushing next to be held Quarterly Meetings were read & approved of & signed in this Meeting by the Clerk

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At a Yearly Meeting held at Newport in Rhode Island for New England by Adjournments from the 1st of the 6th month 1772 to the 15th of the same Inclusive ——— To our Friends & Brethren at their next Yearly Meeting to be held in London Dear Friends

under a renewed Sense of Divine goodness which has been measuredly extended to us at our Annual assembly, We affectionately salute You, And hereby inform that We have been enabled to transact the Affairs of the Church which have come before us with a good degree of Condescention & Calmness —— We received your written & printed Epistles of the 2nd month 1771 which were read in this Meeting to our mutual Comfort & Satisfaction & the Salutary advice therein Contained is recommended to the notice & Observation of Friends ——— By accounts received from the Several Quarterly Meetings we find there is a remnant engaged for the promotion of Piety & Virtue, and the maintenance of good Order in the Church, This with regret we have to behold to great an Indifferency & lukewarmness prevailing in many amongst us, which is matter of deep exercise and Sorrow to the faithful —— We also have to Inform that the Conclusion this Meeting came to at our last yearly meeting to Instal a Clerk we are gradually endeavouring to effect, and have the Satisfaction to inform that a few friends in our Island have freed themselves from their scruples, and with sorrow that have been so reluctant therein that they have our Judgment for not complying with the advice of this Meeting in that respect, Yet that we see any grounds of hope, private Labour is still Continued for their help & encouragement ———

In a feeling Sense of Brotherly love We Conclude & remain your friends & Brethren

Signed in & on behalf of s.d Meeting by

David Sheare
John Sleeper
Isaac Lawton
Ebenezer Chase
Dan.l Anthony
John Collins
Timothy Davis
Abraham Anthony
Nathan Davis
Thomas Sheare
Giles Hosier
Jonathan Lee
Wm Cozzens
Elijah Jenkins

Daniel Purinton
Wm Anthony jun.r
Abraham Barker
Jacob Mott Jun.r
Thos Gould jun.r
Charles Irish
Thos Rogers
Sam.l Gould
Sam.l Smith
Stephen Hersie
Wm Buffum
Nicholas Davis

Joseph Carter
Abraham Sheare
Daniel Southwick
James Chase
Christopher Townsend
Jabez Carpenter
Robert Lillibridge
Wm Lake
Caleb Earle
Timothy Waterhouse
Caleb Russell
Thomas Wilbur
Wm Arnold
Jeremiah Packer
James Neal

1772

[illegible] Yearly Meeting of friends held at [illegible]
[illegible] at Sandwich the 8th day of [illegible]
11th in the afternoon Our Meeting for Church [illegible]
[illegible] Meetings being held

[illegible]
[illegible] from John Rathbun [illegible]
Hacher Isaac Easlett & Abijah Kimball

Sandwich John Rogers Thomas Rogers Jeremiah Austin David
Bowerman & Benjamin Wing

Recd Recd from the Several Quarterly Meetings with answers
to the Queries which were read in this Meeting

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gainst him, and this Meeting appoints our friends Jeremiah Austin
Stephen Merrill Sam[l] Collins Abijah Kimball Ichabod Kenney John
Rogers Thomas Hathaway David Bowerman Isaac Easlett & John Wing
Committee to hear & Determine the Matter & make return to the Adjournment of this Meeting

[illegible]
This Meeting met according to Adjournment

[illegible] Jeremiah Hacher Ephraim Congdon Thomas Hazard Barzillai Luther
David Bowerman Philip Tripp Preserved Brayton Joseph Wick [illegible]
Wales Carman & Thomas Covel a Committee [illegible]

[illegible]
Meeting excepting that respecting
and make return to the Adjournment of this Meeting

[illegible]
[illegible] Carman & John Wing for that Service & they to make return to the Adjournment
of this Meeting

[illegible]
A printed Epistle from our friends & Brethren in [illegible]
from the 8th to the 13th of the [illegible]

[illegible]
A Epistle from the Yearly Meeting of our friends & Brethren in Rhode
[illegible] from [illegible]
[illegible]

A Certificate on behalf of Our Esteemed friend William Matthews from
Monthly
Pennsylvania the 8th of 5th Mo 1773

from the Monthly Meeting of the northern District of Philadelphia the
27th of the 4th Mo 1773

friend John Willis were read in this Meeting to good satisfaction

Collins Oziel Wilkinson Caleb Carpenter Theophilus Howe Jun. George
to the Yearly Meetings in London Philadelphia & Flushing and also to
the Several Quarterly Metings & bring them to the Adjournment of
this Meeting —

The Queries were read in this Meeting & answer there to from the
Several Quarterly Meetings

to be printed who are now living are Continued for that Service

It appears to this Meeting by a report from part of the Committee appointed
to Solicit the Governor of the Massachusetts on behalf of Suffering friends
that their Labr not any friends Come under Suffering were to need their
assistance in the last Year, Thole of sd Committe who are now living are
Continued for that Service in occasion may require

This Meeting is adjourned to the 10th hour next Second day

This Meeting met according to adjournment —

Certificate for our Esteemed friend Samuel Emlen Jun. was signed in this
Meeting directed to the Monthly Meeting at the northern District in Phi-
ladelphia —

The Committee appointed to hear & determine on the appeal brought
by Ebenezer Callum from a Judgment of Rhode Island Quarterly, Re-
ported to this Meeting that Ebenezer Callum hath withdrawn his

report to this Meeting that they Could not perform that Service as
by reason that the executor to the late Testator is not to be found
Pattuxent, We therefore appoint our friends Benjamin Arnold
our next Yearly Meeting —

This Meeting is adjourned to the 3d hour this afternoon
This Meeting met according to adjournment —

is accepted by this Meeting & is as followeth

in manner following (viz:)

All upon the Query from this Meeting concerning the Freedom of all Slaves it is our Sense & Judgment that Truth not only requires this of those capable & worthy but likewise the aged & impotent and those also all in a State of infancy and non age among friends to be discharged out of that State of Slavery that we do no more claim property in the human race we are in the Ranks that perish, Notwithstanding it is to be understood that the aged impotent and also infants & those in their nonage be provided for as heretofore and instructed as required by our tenth Query.

The request for the General Meeting held at Dartmouth & Dartmouth from this Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting for constituting & holding the two distinct General Meetings is allowed & they constituted according to the request.

We have revised the queries and think that it may be well to make the following alterations & additions upon the adopting the purpose the following to be adopted instead of the tenth Query (viz:)

To prevent those [illegible] passing of manure negroes, mulattoes & all those who have been held in a State of Slavery discharged therefrom are to be by the Overseers of the Poor of the respective Monthly Meetings to which they belong duly inspected to see that they do not become chargeable to any Town within the Compass of this Yearly Meeting, and to endeavour to provide for them such employment as they are capable of to maintain & support themselves & not be chargeable to any Town within the Compass of this Yearly Meeting, and also to see that those that are young such an Education as becomes Christians, and that they be otherwise encouraged in a Religious & virtuous Life.

[illegible] to marry with a deceased Wife's Sister or deceased Husband's Brother the Friends be exercised to give timely Advice & admonition against such unseemly [illegible] and if any [illegible] against it as having committed an heinous Transgression, and that such [illegible] be not [illegible] in Membership in the Society until they manifest a Testimony against their Conduct.

Which Queries & Answers [illegible] of the Yearly Meeting as [illegible]

Ordered that a Copy of the [illegible]

The Clerk of this Meeting is desired to send Copies of the above return to the several Quarterly Meetings

[illegible] yearly [illegible] our friends [illegible]
[illegible] Philadelphia [illegible] Virginia [illegible]
and approved in this Meeting & Signed by the Clerk

[illegible] by the Clerk Setting forth friends Satisfaction in his attending this Meeting

The Clerk of this Meeting is desired to transcribe the epistle to the Yearly Meeting at London & forward it when Opportunity [illegible]

A Minute received from the Quarterly Meeting of [illegible] whether it might not be to the advancement of Truth that the general Meetings held for worship only be all discontinued, and this Meeting taking it under Consideration do appoint our friends Abraham [illegible] Jeremiah Austin, Joseph Southwick, John Collins, David Sowerman, Benjamin Arnold, William Anthony, Junr. Isaac Lawton, George Smith, Moses Tarnum & Ephraim Congdon a Committee to visit said Meetings & make return to our next Yearly Meeting of their Sense [illegible]

Our Friends Thomas Harned, Jorge Lorton, Philip Wanton, Jr. Isaac Hall & [illegible] appointed by this Meeting to correspond with our Friends Dear[d] John Fothergill, Thomas Corbin & Joseph Sherwood our Correspondents in London.

Epistles to the several Quarterly Meetings were read & approved, and Sign'd in this Meeting by the Clerk.

From Our Yearly Meeting held at Newport on [illegible] of the 6[th] mo[th] 1775 to the 15[th] of the same Inclusive).

To our Friends & Brethren at their next Yearly Meeting to be held in London. Dear Friends

The honest hearted amongst us do at this time salute you in a grateful acknowledgment of the kindness of Providence [illegible] were read amongst us to Satisfaction & Comfort, and the salutary advice therein Contained recommended to friends Observation.

This our Meeting was large and our Meetings for Worship favoured with the spring of Life to our Edification.

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which are also measurably experienced in bearing the Yoke of Christ & the comfort of the work concerned amongst us who are engaged for the rebuilding the waste places in our Lord, and we have cause to believe that the number of such concerned are increasing amongst us, but as the work is great & faithful Labourers are but few many Deficiencies & defections yet appear among us, Therefore may we & our Seeds Stirpe the father of all our mercies that Zion ancient beauty may be again restored and the testimony of our ancient suffering worthies no longer trampled under foot, and peace & prosperity be established in our borders. We also enjoin that friends labour for the freedom of the enslaved Negroes is still continued, and some friends have manumitted them, Here we encouragement of taking friends servants & have also had cause to disown as undertaking Testimony, some such have been disowned since last Year. We have also to inform you that we have appointed our friends Thomas Hazard, Isaac Lawton, Philip [illegible] & Jacob Bell [illegible] of Rhode Island to join the [illegible] our correspondents in London.

In the behalf and at the request of the Yearly Meeting we remain your Friends & Brethren

Signed in & on behall of our Yearly Meeting — Isaac Lawton Clerk

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1773

At our Yearly Meeting held on Rhode Island for New England begun at Portsmouth the 3d of the 6th month 1773 for Worship & on the 4th in the afternoon our Meeting for Church Discipline began at Newport. The several Quarterly Meetings thereto belonging being called their Representatives are

Rhode Island Jacob Bell Junr. Jonathan Lucy Ezekiel Taber
Moses Farnum Benjn. Arnold Stephen Hazard Isaac
Upton Caleb Earle & Philip Tripp

Salem Joseph Southwick Jeremiah Hacker Daniel Gardner
Daniel Newhall John Avery & Samuel Collins

Sandwich Timothy Davis Jeremiah Austin Ebenezer Allen
David Bowerman Daniel Wing & Thomas Rogers

Recd accounts from the several Quarterly Meetings with answers to the Queries which were read in this Meeting

Our friend John Wanton Treasurer of this Meeting being [illegible] We appoint Our Friend Caleb Carpenter to supply that place

The friends appointed at last yearly Meeting to inspect the Treasury made return of their proceedings therein and as the intent of this meeting is fully answered [illegible] the Treasurer [illegible]

A Certificate in Behalf of Our Esteemed friend Robert Walker from Pickering Monthly Meeting held at Thirsk in the County of York the 19th of the 3d month 1773 and a Concurrent Certificate from a Quarterly Meeting held in York the 24th & 25th of the 3d month 1773 And also a Certificate from the Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders held in London from the 29 of the 5 month to the 7th of the 6th month 1773 Signifying their approbation of the above were read in this Meeting to good Satisfaction

Our friend Samuel Smith produced in this Meeting a Copy of a minute from the Monthly Meeting of friends of the Northern District of Philadelphia dated 24th of 5th month 1773 Setting forth their unity with his proposal of accompanying our friends Elisabeth Robinson & Susanna Lightfoot in a Religious visit to friends in New England which was read to Satisfaction

A Certificate on behalf of Our Esteemed friend Elisabeth Robinson from Richmond Monthly Meeting held at Risgarth in Yorkshire 1st of 3d mo 1773 and a Concurrent Certificate from a Quarterly Meeting for Yorkshire held in York 24th & 25th of 3d month 1773 and also a Certificate from the Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders held in London from the 29th of the 5th month to the 7th of the 6th month 1773 Signifying their approbation of the above were read in this meeting to good Satisfaction

The Quarterly Meeting of Rhode Island inform that they have received two appeals to David Smith one from a Judgment of a Meeting against him in the 4th month last & one in the first month last and also that David Smith received an appeal in behalf of Thomas Smith from a Judgment of a Quarterly Meeting against him which was granted & to appoint our friends Jam Collins Daniel Wilson Daniel Harrington David Bowerman Daniel Ashael Samuel Gould & Wm Dastes a Committee to hear & determine the matters and make return to an adjournment of this Meeting

This Meeting is adjourned to the 3 hour to morrow in the afternoon

This Meeting according to adjournment

A Certificate on behalf of our friend John Simson from the Monthly Meeting of Buckingham in the County of Bucks & Province of Pennsylvania dated the 6th of the 6th Mo 1773 Signifying his inclination to accompany our friend Robert Walker on a Religious visit to these parts was read in this Meeting to Satisfaction

Whereas Several matters were referred from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting for the determination & advice of this Meeting & appointed our friends viz Matthew Joseph Southwick Daniel Wing Ezekiel Cornish Peter Tarnum Jonathan Wing Stephen Austin Timothy Davis Thos Chase & Joseph Gorden a Committee to take the matters under consideration & make return of their Sense & Judgment respecting them to the adjournment of this Meeting

The Quarterly Meeting of Sandwich in their account mov^d for the reprinting Robert Barclays Apology, D^o motion was Unanimously approvd in this p^r Sess^n and our friends John Haddwen Caleb Carpenter & Moses Brown are appointed to make application to the printers either at Philadelphia, Boston or Burlington, or else where to know their terms, and when obtaind to acquaint the Several Quarterly Meetings there with that they may have opportunity to Lay their Subscriptions up to D^o Committee who are desired to get the work Compleated upon the best terms & in the best manner they can and take particular Care that the press is well Corrected ——

This Meeting is adjournd to the 10^th hour next Second day ——

This Meeting met by adjournment ——

The Queries were read in this meeting & the answers there to from the Several Quarterly Meetings

The printed General Epistle from the Yearly Meeting of our friends & Brethren in London dated from the 31^st of the 3^d month to the 4^th of the 6^th month 1773 and their Written Epistle of the same date and also an Epistle from the Yearly Meeting of our friends & brethren in Dublin dated from the 25^th to the 30^th of the 5^th month 1774 and one from the Yearly Meeting of Our friends & Brethren held at Flushing on Long Island from the 28^th to the 31^st of the 3^d mo 1774 were read in this Meeting to good Satisfaction —— And this meeting Concludes to have one Thousand of the General Epistles from London reprinted and Our friends Benjamin Arnold & Moses Brown are appointed to take the Necessary Care thereof & when done to send two hundred to Salem & one hundred to Sandwich & bring the rest to Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting

The Committee appointed to hear & determine on the appeals brought by David & Thomas Smith from Judgments of the Quarterly Meetings of Rhode Island against them made returns which are accepted & approved and are as follows Viz ——

We the Committee appointed to hear & determine a Case brought by David Smith by way of appeal from a Judgm^t of the Quarterly Meeting held at Portsmouth 4^th day the 6^th mo 1773 having met the parties & heard their several pleas & Allegations and duly & maturely Considered the same are unanimous in our opinions that the Quarterly Meeting had grounds for their proceedings against him therefore do Confirm the Judgment of the Quarterly Meeting

Newport 11^th of the 6^th mo 1774

Samuel Collins
Obadiah Wheeler
Daniel Purrington
Daniel Newhall
David Bowerman
Samuel Gould
William Coles

To the Yearly Meeting now sitting Whereas we your Committee appointed to hear & determine the Case of David Smith in the behalf of Thomas Smith brought by way of appeal from a Judgment of the Quarterly Meeting held at Portsmouth the 4^th day of the 4^th month 1774 having met the parties & heard their Several pleas & Allegations & maturely Considered the same, it is our Judgment that the Quarterly Meeting had Sufficient grounds for their proceedings against him the D^o Thomas Smith therefore do Confirm the Judgm^t of D^o Meeting

Newport 13^th of the 6^th mo 1774

Samuel Collins
Daniel Purrington
Obadiah Wheeler
Samuel Gould
David Bowerman
William Coles
Daniel Newhall

We appoint our friends Thomas Lapham Jr. George Cumstock, George Arnold Caleb Carpenter Sam.l Smith Wm. Anthony Jun.r Nicholas Shoop Thomas Hazard Peleg Peckham Abraham Parker & Joseph Mitchell to draw Epistles to the Yearly Meetings of London Philadelphia & Flushing and to the Several Quarterly Meetings & transcribe the written Epistles from London Philadelphia & Flushing & bring them to the adjournm.t of this Meeting ——

This Meeting is adjourned to the 4.th hour this afternoon ——

This Meeting met according to adjournment ——

The Committee appointed last Year to visit the Several general Meetings said for Worship only and to give their Sense of them brought in their return which being twice read, and a weighty exercise prevailing in this Meeting for the Cause & Promotion of Truth in which the Sense of many friends expressed Concurring with said return and that it did not appear likely to be for the honour of the Divine Name or promotion of his Cause to Continue Several of the meetings therein mentioned but as some friends did not seem Convinced of the Propriety of dropping so many of them at once proposed the continuance one year longer it is therefore agreed that all of them be Continued to our next Yearly Meeting except that at South Kingstown & Westerly which is Unanimously agreed to be discontinued, and the friends heretofore appointed together with such other friends who may find their minds engaged thereto are requested to attend said Meetings & take their Endeavours that they be maintained with decency & good Order ——

Received from London by the hand of Joseph Jacob forty nine books intitled Charity of the Quakers which were divided & Sent to the Several Quarterly Meetings ——

This Meeting is adjourned to the 9.th hour tomorrow morning

This Meeting met according to adjournment

The committee appointed to take under Consideration Several matters brought from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting and to give their Sense thereon made return which after being read & duly deliberated on was approved by this meeting & ordered to be sent down in the Epistle to the Several Quarterly Meetings & is as followeth

We being appointed by the Yearly Meeting to take under Consideration Several matters brought from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting have met & taken under Consideration those matters — It is our Judgment respecting recording manumission that it will be best to record them in friends record manumissions Book for that purpose & advise that all those who give them endeavour to get them recorded on the Town records also

As to the matter from Dartmouth Monthly Meeting respecting Marriage with near of Kin We apprehend the Rule of the Society very Clear & good in that respect & that it ought to be strictly adhered to Nor Dartmouth

nor any other Monthly Meeting suffer any to marry nearer of kin than is tolerated by the Discipline ——

As to the affair brought from Nantucket desiring this Meetings advice whether one parent either Father or Mother being a member entitles their Children to membership It is our Sense & Judgment that the Children of such parents as are married amongst friends shall be look'd upon as members and the Children of such parents as become members by Application shall be likewise look upon as members provided the parents make application whilst their Children were under their Care & behaved orderly ——

And that where but one of the Parents is a member either Father or Mother become so by application or otherwise their Children shall not be look'd upon as members unless their Father or Mother professing with us make application to the monthly Meeting on account of their Children, and then the monthly Meeting Judge whether such Children be suitable to be admitted or not —— And it is advised that where it so happens that but one of the parents are members of our Society that they endeavour to bring up their Children agreeable to truth as far as is in their power and not neglect to use the care of friends in behalf of their Children

All which we Submit to the Sense & Determination of the Yearly Meeting ——

Signed by—

Jacob Mott Junr	Joseph Southwick
Timothy Davis	Eber Chase
Daniel Wing	Jonathan Macy
Ezekiel Cumstock	Ebenezer Allin
Joseph Congdon	Moses Farnum

The Quarterly Meeting of Sandwich in their account moved for the reprinting of Robert Barclays Apology, Which motion was graciously approved in this meeting and we appoint our friends John Wilbur Caleb Carpenter & Moses Brown to make application to the printer either at Philadelphia Boston or Burlington or elsewhere to know their terms & when obtain'd to acquaint the several Quarterly Meetings therewith that they may have opportunity to send their subscriptions up to said Committee who are desired to get the work accomplished upon the best terms & in the best manner that can be & take particular care that the press be well corrected

This Meeting is adjourned to the 10th hour next Second day

This Meeting met by adjournment ——

The Queries were read in this Meeting & the answers thereto from the several Quarterly Meetings

It appearing to this Meeting that we have not at present any Stock in the Country it is therefor Concluded to raise fifty Dollars whereof Rhode Island Quarter is required to raise thirty dollars Salem twelve dollars & Sandwich 8 dollars & Send it up to Caleb Carpenter who is Treasurer for this Meeting as soon as they Can with Conveniency —

Those who are now living of the Committee appointed to view manuscripts proposd to be printed are Still Continued for that Service —

Part of the Committee appointed to Solicit the Governour of the Massachusetts on behalf of Suffering friends made report that they had not any friend Come under Suffering so as to make any request necessary on that behalf, Nevertheless this meeting apprehending it expedient to have a Committee for the Service as occasion may require do appoint our friends Timothy Davis Moses Farnum Thomas Hathaway William Anthony Junr Jeremiah Tucker Jonathan Tacy Thompkins Howe Junr Thomas Lapham Junr & Ebenezer Case for the aforesd Service

Epistles to the Yearly Meetings of our friends & Brethren in London Philadelphia & Flushing and also to the Quarterly Meetings were read & approved in this Meeting & Signed by the Clerk

Divers friends in this Meeting manifesting a Concern that the Liberty of the Africans might be fully restored We appoint our friends Thomas Hazard Ezekiel Comstock Thomas Lapham Junr Stephen Horsie Joseph Congdon Isaac Lawton & Moses Farnum a Committee to Use their Influence at the General Assembly of the Colony of Rhode Island with the members there of that Such Laws may be made as will tend to the abolition of Slavery & to get such Laws repealed as any way encourages it —

From our Yearly Meeting held in Newport on Rhode Island for New England by adjournment from the 10th day of the 6 month to the 14th of the same Inclusive 1774 — To our Friends & Brethren at their next Yearly Meeting to be held in London — Dear Friends & Brethren —

The living member of the one body among us of which Christ Our Lord is head, Salute you in the Love of the everlasting Gospel and inform that a Number of your printed Epistles together with one written Epistle of the last year are come to hand the Contents of which were read and noticed by us with desire that the Salutary advice Contained in them may be faithfully observed & attended to, the account of your being favoured with renewed Consolation in your last Yearly Meeting is Cause of reverent thankfulness from the Children & household of Faith to the Common father of all our mercies.

We have to Lament & mourn that in our parts there is too evident a declention in the Society from the Life purity & Power of Religion as possessed by our predecessors a Spirit of worldly mindedness lukewarmness & indifference having overspread many among us, that the Citizens of the Saints Solemnity in the visions of Life & Light can but behold our States too generally like that of the Children of Israel in the Wilderness under the Cloud, altho the Sensible Consolations of Heaven may be small with the negligent yet we humbly acknowledge the divine bounty liberally bestowed on the faithful, The offers of mercy & Salvation being Continued to the Inhabitants of our Land, Several appear under a deep Concern for their Souls deliverance from the defilements of Sin and power of a Spiritual Death and an engagement to come to the knowledge of God their Saviour & preserver which is Cause of joy to all that desire the prosperity of Zion. —

A Number have been added to the Church since our last accounts

The Commotions arising in the British Dominions as they are in their Consequences outwardly Calamitous may be feared are marks of Divine Displeasure and as it may prove a trying dispensation to us your Brethren in America we desire that we may be United in the bond of peace & Spirit of the Church to humbly Supplicate the God & father of all our mercies that he would vouchsafe to preserve & keep us faithful to our principles and Sustain us in every trying Dispensation that may attend in this State of Mutation —

By accounts brought into this meeting it appears that Several among us have manumitted their Slaves since last year & some encouragement given to expect the freedom of others so that we are in hopes that those who have heretofore neglected may be prevailed upon to let the oppressed go free. With the further Salutation of Brotherly Love we remain Your affectionate Friends & Brethren —

Signed by appointment & on behalf of the Yearly Meeting by —

Isaac Lawton Clerk

1775 18th 06th mo.

At Our Yearly Meeting held on Rhode Island for New England begun at Portsmouth the 8th of the 6th month 1775 for Worship and on the 9th in the afternoon Our Meeting for Church Discipline began at Newport the Several Quarterly Meetings there being called their Representatives were

For Rhode Island Abraham Anthony Barzilla Tucker Ephraim Congdon Jonathan Macy Thomas Steere Jr Anthony John Collins and Joshua Davel ——

For Salem Joseph Southwick Jeremiah Hacker & Daniel Purrington

For Sandwich Nathan Dawe Jeremiah Austin John Rogers & Thomas Rogers

Our Esteemed friend John Hunt from the Monthly Meeting of the Northern district of Philadelphia held the 23d of the 5th month 1775 on a Religious visit to this Meeting produced a Copy of a minute from s.d Monthly Meeting Shewing their Unity therewith ——

A Certificate on behalf of Our Esteemed friend William Jones from the Monthly Meeting of Burlington in New Jersey held the 1st of the 5th mo. 1775

A Copy of a minute of the Monthly Meeting in Philadelphia for the Southern District held the 24th of the 5th Mo 1775 Shewing that Our friend Nicholas Waln had Liberty of s.d meeting to accompany Our friend John Hunt as Truth might open his way ——

And likewise Fry Willis produced a few lines Signed by Order of the Monthly Meeting held at Westbury the 3d of the 5th month 1775 Signifying their Concurrence with his accompanying William Jones & Benj.n Sweat to this Meeting all which were read in this Meeting to Satisfaction ——

The Committee that was Continued at last Yearly Meeting to assist the present Treasurer in Settling with the Executors of the former Treasurer made report to this Meeting that they with the Treasurer had further inspected that matter & think best to drop it which is accordingly done ——

We appoint our friends John Hadwen & Joseph Congdon to Settle accounts with the treasurer of this Meeting for the year past & make return of the present state of the treasury to the adjournment of this Meeting ——

Womens Meeting to prepare Certificates

The Yearly Meeting of Women friends now Sitting requested of this meeting that they in future may assist in preparing Certificates for Women friends who travail in the ministry which is agreed to by this meeting ——

Received accounts from the Several Quarterly Meetings with answers to the Queries ——

This Meeting is adjourned to the 4th hour tomorrow in the afternoon

This Meeting held by Adjournment ——

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The queries were read in this meeting and the answers thereto from the several Quarterly Meetings by which it appears there are many deficiencies which is desired may be noticed to them by Our Committee to draw Epistles to ye Meetings ——

We appoint our friends Jacob Mott Jr. Moses Tarnum, Jeremiah Tucker Elisha Thornton Jonathan Macy Theophilus Shaw Jun: Job Scott & George Arnold to draw Epistles to the several Quarterly Meetings & also to the Yearly Meetings of London Philadelphia & Flushing & bring them to the adjournment of this Meeting ——

This Meeting being under a Weighty concern for friends who are or may be under sufferings & difficulty from the powers of this world on account of our Religious Testimony do appoint our friends Moses Tarnum Isaac Brown Jeremiah Tucker Joseph Mitchell Thomas Hazard Isaac Lawton Thomas Upton Jr. George Arnold Jeremiah Austin John Rogers Benjamin Arnold Jonathan Macy Barzillai Tucker Nathan Davis Jacob Mott Jr. Thomas Steere John Collins Theophilus Shaw Jun. Samuel Gould Joshua Davol Philip Wanton Joseph Southwick Ebor Chase David Buffum John Casey & Caleb Russell & Committee who are desired to take cognizance of all grievances arising amongst us wherein any friend or friends may be affected either in person property or in regard to our Christian Testimony aforesaid and to advise Counsel & assist as best wisdom may direct, and they are desired to meet once a month or oftner if need be that seven of ye Committee Constitute a meeting which may transact the business thereof and that any agrieved friend or friends may apply to them either in a Collective or Separate Capacity as the Circumstances of the Case may require and that ye Committee in a Meeting Capacity draw on the treasurer of this Meeting for the monies that shall be necessary for the purposes aforesaid who is Ordered to pay the same And that this Committee view & judge of manuscripts proposed to be printed & Correspond with the meeting for Sufferings at Philadelphia or elsewhere ——

This Meeting is adjourned to the 5th hour this afternoon

This Meeting met according to adjournment ——

The friends appointed to settle acct with the treasurer of this meeting for the year past made return that they had according to appointment and find that there is now in the treasury of this meetings money Ten pounds eleven shillings & one penny half penny lawful mony, and it appears necessary to augment our stock in ye treasury We Conclude to raise one hundred pounds for that purpose & recommend it to the Quarterly Meetings in the following manner (viz) Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting to raise sixty pounds Salem Quarterly Meeting twenty four pounds Sandwich Quarterly Meeting sixteen pounds and send it up to the treasury of this Meeting as soon as they can Conveniently ——

This Meeting is adjourned to the 5th hour to morrow morning

This

The following Epistles were received and read in this meeting to general Satisfaction (viz.)

One printed & one written Epistle from our friends in London dated from the 23d of the 5th Month 1774 to the 28th of the same Inclusive
One printed & one written Epistle from our friends in Philadelphia dated from the 24th day of the 9th mo. 1774 to the 1st of the 10th month Inclusive
A written Epistle from our friends at Flushing on Long Island dated from the 27th day of the 5th mo. 1775 to the 30th of the same Inclusive
and an Epistle from the meeting for Sufferings held at Philadelphia dated the 18th of the 5th mo 1775

General Meetings for Worship Discontinued except Nantucket

The friends continued at our last yearly Meeting all but two to visit the General Meetings for Worship that belong to this Yearly Meeting report that it is their Sense & Judgment that it would be for the best to discontinue all the general meetings that belong to Rhode Island Yearly Meeting except Nantucket which report being Weightily Considered by this meeting to approve thereof and agree that the aforesd General meetings for Worship be discontinued

The Committee for procuring Robert Barclays Apology reprinted having reported that they had agreed for 600 at 6/6 philadelphia money p Book the Several Quarterly Meetings are desired to recommend Subscriptions to the Several Monthly Meetings and that the money be paid to the Committee at or before the fall Quarterly Meeting of Rhode Island and in Case there is not the whole number Subscribed for the Treasurer of this Meeting is directed to pay for the remainder

As the printed Epistles from London have often heretofore come to hand some time before Our Yearly Meeting we advise & direct our Correspondents that if it should so happen in future that they divide & send them to the Several Quarterly Meetings in the following proportions to Salem one fourth part of the number received to Sandwich one Sixth & the rest to Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting

This Meeting adjourns to the 9th hour next Second day morning

This Meeting met by adjournment

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* This Meeting met according to adjournment ——

Certificates on behalf of our friends Robert Walker Elizabeth Tabinson Susanna Lightfoot Samuel Smith & John Simson who attended our last Yearly Meeting directed to the several monthly meetings to which they belong were signed in this meeting

Endorsements upon the certificates of our friends John Hunt William Jones Nicholas Waln & Ivy Wilkis signifying our satisfaction with their company & services were signed in this meeting by the Clerk ——

The Committee appointed to draw Epistles to the several Quarterly Meetings to the Yearly meetings of London Philadelphia & Flushing reported them which after being read & approved were signed in this meeting by the Clerk ——

The printed Epistles from London were divided & sent to our several Quarterly Meetings ——

The Committee appointed last yearly meeting to use their Influence with the General Assembly of the Colony of Rhode Island for the making such Laws as tend to the abolition of Slavery & repealing such as encourage it are Continued for that Service ——

From our Yearly Meeting held at Newport on Rhode Island for New England by adjournments from the 9th of the 6th month 1775 to the 13th of the same inclusive To friends at their next Yearly Meeting to be held at London Dear Friends We received a number of your printed Epistles & one in manuscript dated the 28th of the 3th month 1774 which were read in this meeting to good satisfaction, Your Sympathy with fervent desires for & Cordial advice & Counsel to us were acceptable & comfortable at a time when we are called on to prepare for a day both within & from without which will shake the foundations of all who are not established on the Sure Rock, therefore we desire the Intercessions of all who are favoured to unite in the Spirit of prayer to the God & father of all our mercies that we may be preserved a people to his praise This meeting hath been large and a degree of the overshadowing wing of divine Love was felt which were refreshing to the sincere in heart, and altho we should have rejoyced to have felt more to cover our Spirits in our several sittings more Universally than we sometimes do, yet the affairs which came before us were Conducted in a spirit of Condescension and so far to our satisfaction, and we may further inform that the case of the poor suffering Africans is still under our notice, A number have been manumitted since last year, but few remain among friends belonging to this meeting in a state of Slavery and Encouragement is given for the release of some of them which we expect will soon be performed ——

We salute you in that measure of Gospel Love which we are favoured with and remain your friends & Brethren. ——

Signed in & on behalf of our said Meeting by Isaac Lawton Clerk

[illegible] Yearly Meeting held at Newport on Rhode Island for
[illegible] the 12th of the 6th month 1776 [illegible]

[illegible]
William Anthony Jun.r Jonathan Macy Philip Tripp & Benj.a Gaskill

[illegible]
Daniel Newhall Daniel Purrington & Isaac Gaskill

[illegible]
Gifford Stephen Bowerman George Allen & Ebenezer Allen

[illegible] in behalf of our Ancient Friend David Sands from the Monthly
[illegible] in the County of New Castle on Delaware under the
15th of the 5th month 1776 the another in behalf of our Friends there
John Perry from the Meeting of the same date were read in this Meeting
to Satisfaction

[illegible] in behalf of our Friends [illegible]
Brought the first from the Monthly Meeting at Concord in Chester
County Pensilvania dated the 7th of the 6th month 1776 the other from
the Monthly Meeting at Goshen dated the 2nd day of the 5th mo. 1776
were likewise read in this Meeting to Satisfaction

Received accounts from the Several Quarterly Meetings [illegible]
[illegible] which were read in this Meeting by which account or
otherwise it appears that the Quarterly Meetings at Dover
Portsmouth have sent to this Meeting [illegible] by
[illegible] from the Quarterly Meeting, and that Salem
[illegible]

This Meeting appoints our Friends Joseph Conjon Jr. Anthony
Watson Caleb Ebenezer Allen Samuel Allen Stephen
& Peleg Peleg a Committee to Audit accounts with our Treasurer
[illegible] the State of the Stock & make report thereof at
[illegible] of this Meeting and also give their [illegible]
necessary to augment our Stock

This Meeting is Adjourned to the 5th hour tomorrow morning

This Meeting met by Adjournment

The Queries [illegible] from the Several Quarterly Meetings
were read in this Meeting

one written pr[ivate] [illegible] in London Antec from the 5th to the 10th of the 6 month 1775 and a Written general Epistle directed to friends in America from s[ai]d Meeting of the same date and one written Epistle from the yearly Meeting held at Philadelphia from the 25th to the 30th of the 9th month 1775

This Meeting [illegible] to the 4 hour this afternoon

This Meeting met according to adjournment

[illegible] was read in this Meeting to Satisfaction

[illegible] to this Meeting

the making such Laws as to [illegible] as may tend to encourage it have endeavoured according to appointment but have not as yet Succeeded they are therefore again continued & Thomas Brown is added to them

We appoint Our friends William Rotch Mosa Brown Ebenezer Allen, George Armor Job Scott Jabez Greene Samuel Smith & Cleophilus Howe Jnr a Committee to draw Epistles to the Several Quarterly Meetings and [illegible] Epistles to the Yearly Meetings [illegible] this Meeting & bring them to the [illegible] Meeting

An Epistle from the Meeting for Sufferings held in London the 11th of the 11th [illegible] was read in this Meeting to Satisfaction and the Committee for Sufferings are desired to get a Number of them printed for to be distributed in the families of Friends generally

[illegible] proceedings [illegible] of the Committee for Sufferings [illegible] Meeting & the reading of the remainder thereof is referred to the adjournment

This Meeting is adjourn'd to the 7th hour next Second day Morning

This Meeting met by Adjournment

The remaining part of the minutes & proceedings of the Committee for Sufferings was read in this meeting and the Meeting [illegible] some time in deliberating thereon & the Sentiments of divers friends being expressed it appears to be the general desire of friends that they have manifested great diligence & Attention to the trust reposed in them that divers matters of Importance & moment have come before

[illegible] in which it appears they in general Considered proceeded in and
resulted in Wisdom and being approved of by this meeting the said
Committee are Continued the ensuing year and are desired with diligence
Caution & fear carefully to proceed in such weighty matters as may come
before them humbly waiting for the Influence of Divine Wisdom from
time to time to season & direct their minds so that their results may
tend to their own peace and the welfare of our Religious Society
And as in addition a number of friends may be assistant and
[illegible]
to represent their sufferings in this Committee Now termed a Meeting
for Sufferings for New England and it is requested that in such
appointments friends may Chuse such that have a regard to the
of our Religious testimony walking agreeable thereto themselves
and are likely to give attention to the service reposed in them
This meeting is adjourned to the 12th hour instant
[illegible]
Our Meeting met by adjournment
Certificates in behalf of our Deceased friends Phebe Gorwith and
[illegible] which Certificates
were signed in this Meeting by the Clerk
The Committee appointed to audit accounts with the Treasurer
made return to this meeting which is accepted & is as followeth
Pursuant to appointment we have Audited the Meetings account
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

And as there is no proportion ascertained it is the desire of this Meeting

more easily effected

This Meeting is adjourned to the 4th hour this afternoon

This Meeting met by Adjournment

The Committee appointed to draw Epistles to the Yearly Meetings of

London Dublin & Pyrmont & to the several

presented them which after being read & approved of this Meeting were

Signed by the Clerk

on behalf of Our friends David Ferris & John Kerry

to the Monthly Meetings to which they belong were read and

approved of by this Meeting & signed by the Clerk

From Our Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Newport on Rhode Island for New England by Adjournments from the 4th of the 6th month 1776 to the 17th of the same Inclusive

To Friends at their next Yearly Meeting to be held at London

by adjournments from the first Day of the week

to friends in America the other to this Meeting which being read

mutual Comfort & edification and your seasonable advices

in this way of trial & probation

brought in from the several Quarterly Meetings we have ground

some

up in the Spirit of it as a hedge about us And tho some of our

Lately have incurred Sufferings on account of our Testimony against war

fighting & their refusal to enter into the prevailing Commotions yet we

have with thankfulness to inform you that very few professing with us have

joined there in & those few either have been disciplined or are

under care for their

very therefore

[illegible] we also to inform that Several have entered into Religious
[illegible] tho we are not all
Clear of that inquitous practice of Slave keeping, yet Several
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

At Our Yearly meeting held for Rhoadisland begun at the [illegible] house and was Lowe meeting houses in Smithfield & at the Brick meeting house in Westbridge, per[illegible] the 12th of the 6th mo. 1777 and on the 15th began at Smithfield, or Church House Jesamine, the several Quarterly meetings being called the Representatives were for Portsmouth, Thomas Hicks Paul Green, Daniel Aldrich Ebenezer Thayer Thomas Thayer Jonathan Mary, Joshua Lewis, William Robinson, William Hathaway junr George Smith, John Collins, Theophilus Shove junr James Scott, Daniel Haviland junr & Caleb Carpenter,

For Salem, Abraham Dow, Samuel Collins, Joseph Southwick, Jeremiah Baker, James Seal, Jonathan Lane, Moses Rowell, John Rogers John Brayton and Samuel Collins the younger,

For Sandwich John Rogers, John Bailey, Jeremiah Austin, Benjamin Wait, & Thomas Rogers — who being Called were all present, except William Hathaway, Thomas Hicks & Samuel Collins, who being Returns at home by this session sent their Excuse, to this meeting and Samuel Collins junr and Moses Rowell who sent no Excuse, for which this meeting Refers the Representatives from Salem &c. to Inquire the reasons of their neglect, and render an account to next yearly meeting

This meeting appoints Thomas Lapham junr Clerk for this time

Our friend Peter Field was at this meeting and his Certificate from Ethan Monthly meeting Dated the 14th of the 5th mo. 1777 was Read to [illegible]

The Comtee Continued last year, to Solicit the General Assembly of the Colony of Rhodeisland for the making such Laws as Tend to the abolishing Slavery & repealing such as Encourage it — Report, that they have not done anything further in that regard, by Reason that no Petitions have been presented to the Assembly since the Committee was Called upon for that purpose and a process therein when the way appears to be suitably opened for

Received account from the several Quarterly meetings with Answers to the Queries by which appears, that Rhodeisland Quarterly meeting Consists of two hundred & Seventeen Members, Dartmouth Quarterly meeting Consists of one hundred & Seventy Members, Sandwich Quarterly meeting Consists of one hundred & Eighty Members, Salem Quarterly meeting Consists of one hundred & Eighty Members, and Nantucket Quarterly meeting Consists of Eighty Members,

The Rep[illegible] from Salem Informs that they have collected and Sent the Sum of nine pounds which was Obtained by their Application of the yearly meeting Stock in 1775.

1777 | Rhode Island Quarter in their account having an Explanation of the yearly
meeting minute of 1758 respecting children being considered as
members or admitted as such, upon which their friends Jonathan Mason, Thomas
Thurston Gillespie Hazard, Stephen Merrell, Paul Green, Jonathan Lamb, Jeremiah
Austin & Peleg Debano ——
are appointed to consider of the same & Report their sense
there of to the Adjournment of this meeting ——

Warwick with Nipmuck &c

Sandwich yearly Meeting Discontinued

Agreed to the the request of Sandwich Quarterly meeting
meeting doth discontinue all such meetings for worship, as are held at
Sandwich about the same time of their Quarterly Meeting, which were suffered
set up or held there as a yearly Meeting for worship ——

The Epistle and Answers from the Quarterly Meetings were read and
several remarks made thereon, after which our friends William Rotch Jr
Isaac Lee, Ebenezer Allen, Daniel Howell, Jesse Harker & Joseph
Williams, Caleb Gardner, and Anthony, Job Scott, Daniel Hazard Junr
were appointed to draw Epistles to the several Quarterly Meetings, now propo-
sed to be yearly Meetings of London, Philadelphia & Dublin in
reply to their advertisement of this meeting ——

The Meeting adjourned to the 12th hour to morrow morning ——

12th day met by Adjournment ——

The Minutes and Proceedings of the Meeting for Sufferings in the last year
were read, and the Meeting having spent some time in deliberating thereon
and divers the sentiments of many friends being expressed & opened to
the general sense of friends, that they have manifested diligence and care
for the good exposes in them —— and that their procedures in the general
were approved of by this Meeting. Therefore said Meeting is continued yet
and in the weighty matter that may come before them in the course of the ensuing
year, are to have to wait for divine influence to direct them therein ——

The Meeting for Sufferings in their Minutes before mentioned, having
Meeting have desired the matter of having with Southby Lane for the publishing
Pamphlet on Taxation &c, as well as the matter of the pamphlet, will not be
Lee Publishing any thing to the support of Southby testimony in that matter
and Rock it may be agreed of which Lawrence Comte be appointed by this
meeting to visit and advise Sal Coleman and such members thereof as may

may find necessary. And this meeting considering the matter to agree to and appoint our friends Ezekiel Comstock, George Comstock, William Buffum, James Buffum, Benjamin Canning jun[r], Benjamin Buffington, Daniel Newall, Abraham Davis, and Joshua Sutton, for said Service and report how and when meeting

[illegible] informed that Benjamin Buffington hath not attended the meeting for Sufferings during the year past, and it being thought that he is not likely to be able to attend the year ensuing. Therefore this meeting doth discharge him, and appoints William Hoyer to Supply that vacancy.

Two Epistles one printed and the other written from the yearly meeting of London 1778 and a Copy of one from said meeting to Philadelphia yearly meeting

Two from Philadelphia yearly meeting in 1778 with some Extracts from the minutes thereof were all read to good Satisfaction.

The Meeting adjourns to the 11th hour in the forenoon of this day next by adjournment.

Smithfield Monthly Meeting which belongs to Rhode Island Quarter doth send Greeting in which they signify that Jeremiah Brayton and Thomas Rogers by the hand of Thomas Rogers who having delivered the same to the meeting produced his receipt.

Our friends William Robbins, Daniel Southwick and Thomas Arnold are appointed to audit the accts of this meeting for the year and make report to this meeting before the Conclusion thereof.

A Testimony concerning our friend Daniel Southwick deceased, given forth by the monthly meeting of Smithfield being here read. And it appearing to this meeting that this our deceased friend had divers times Suffered in the distraining and loss of his outward substance, for the cause and Testimony of Truth which he bore with an examplary and Christian Spirit. And this meeting approving of the aforesaid Testimony, directs the same to be recorded, (in it's proper place) with this addition.

The Committee appointed to explain on the yearly meeting minute of 1778 respecting Children, Propose that the following minute as being more clearly expressive of the sense of the meeting be inserted in the place there of, which being several times read is approved of and is as follows.

It is the sense and judgment of this meeting that all children [illegible] this are looked upon to be [illegible] while they live with their parents [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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unless Parents who had Children before they were members

in their behalf and the monthly meeting to which they are removed

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This meeting concludes to raise the sum of 100 pounds to supply the yearly meeting stock for the year Ensuing, Therefore it is recommended to the several Quarterly meetings to contribute in their freedom, and send to the

yearly

yearly meetings treasurer as soon as may be. And the Clerk is desired to send a copy of this minute to each Quarter.

An Endorsement on the minute Peter Field presented in the yearly part of this minute was made which appears the substance of which was, That he had attended the several settings of this meeting and appeared orderly therein. The same was signed by the Clerk.

As there appears to be a deficiency in several meetings respecting our Testimony against Slavery, and being impressed with a sense of duty to discharge ourselves towards the oppressed in bondage of all ages sex and colour we appoint our friends William Griffin, Ezekiel Comstock, Daniel Wheeler and Benjamin Buffington to visit such meetings as are deficient in this respect, and to labour with meetings and individuals as way may open for the clearing that Testimony. Also the holding up a clear Testimony at our next meeting for the Truth in this matter; and the monthly meetings are desired to attend to the advice that may in the wisdom of Truth be given them. The friends & representatives of several yearly meetings

This meeting having proceeded in and accomplished the business for which we assembled, under the perception of divine goodness we unite together with that calmness and Love which unites and cements for the service of the Church, & record this memorial of thankfulness thereon. And adjourn to the next year then to meet at Philadelphia if the Lord permit.

From our yearly meeting held in Smithfield for New England from the 12th to the 16th of the 6th month 1797 Inclusive. To the Yearly meeting of Friends to be held in London. Dear Friends

Your last years general, Epistle, your written one to this meeting, and to the yearly meeting for Pensylvania and New Jersey have been read in this meeting, the Christian care & Love manifested therein affords Consolation and encouragement among the many trials and provings we all previously must feel to be, we agree to remind the present Useful and Strengthening doctrine of Divine providence towards his Children, will we are Sensible in the end work for good to them that are called according to his purpose. And

In Love of the Affairs of your own & Sister Churches, Our meetings for Sufferings Represented a Committee of the several Quarterly meetings of this part of the Northern District in this

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That to Philadelphia has been generally read in our Meetings: and to keep up and encourage that unity which ought to subsist between all the members of Christs body the Church; we direct Transcripts of your written Epistles to be sent down and read in all our meetings, the difficulty of Conveyance will we doubt not account for your not having received our Epistle of 1776 that for last year was forwarded by our Friends for Conference & yours & their epistles to yours were laid before this meeting with their other correspondence, and as opportunity may arise expect the usual correspondence between them we mention it as an encouraging circumstance ——

It being impracticable to hold our Yearly meeting at Newport in Rhode Island as usual, our Meeting for worship began on the 10th at the Quarterly Meeting House in Dartmouth and that in Sherbrooke, Lasting about two hours each, on the 13th and 14th our Meeting for Business began here, and we think was as large as usual, the Publick Friends attending on the 14th Evening meeting were [illegible] for worship at the three places as on the 12th for want of room here, where our business continues the meeting was on the 16th and 17th it would have been a very desirable favour to have met together with our Brethren at Rhode Island, yet we have renewed Occasion to acknowledge the Extension of divine goodness in favouring us with this opportunity, and enabling us to conduct the affairs of the Church in a good degree of Brotherly Love ——

We have received Epistles from the several Yearly meetings, and find there is a living concern in a Remnant for the cause of Truth, and its promotion in this day of Tribulation and Trial, who in the renewals of their minds and resignations to come up in faithfulness thereto, behold with [illegible] of Heart a considerable Number, who might shine as Lights in the World walking worthy of the Vocation wherewith they are called, and learning too much to the Spirit and Fashions of the world, Lose the Sense of the Preciousness of keeping upon the Watch Tower as Sheep stood in solemn Reverence to the Holy One and his Heavenly gifts in our good Meetings hereby arose, Nevertheless we have Cause humbly to adore the protecting Power of our Lord and Law-giver Jesus Christ, Solemnity hath been generally in good measure kept up and we hope and Trust where there remains Difference in their respects, over come and be Clothed to be valiant for the Standard of Truth and Testimony over backsliders Love and unity are Generally in good degree [illegible]

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... the powerful Workings of divine grace in the youth amongst us, six Members ... and divers have been admitted into full membership & communion. —

Under the calming Influences of the Fathers Love do we salute you and with brotherly affection bid you farewell. —

Sign'd in & and on behalf of said meeting by

Thomas Lightfoot Clk

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At our yearly Meeting held for Nottinghamshire began at the upper End Lower meeting House in Smithfield and at the Friends house in Tetbridge for worship, the 1st of the 6th month 1778, and on the 2d began at Smithfield Upper house for church Affairs

The several Quarterly meetings being read the Reports were.

for Shrewsbury and Thomas Stone, Jonathan Kay, David Sherbrook, William Tatlow, Jun. John Casey, Daniel Evans Jun. Stephen Morris, Jesse Benjamin Jeffries, and Moses Brown. —

for Salem, Josiah Southwick, Charles Newell, Jonathan Lowe, Joseph Gardiner, Richard Gove, Paul Rogers, Jonathan Dodge, Caleb Peters.

for Sandwich John Rogers, Thomas Chase, Jeremiah Luffkin, John Russell Ebenezer Allen, David Bowman, and Benjamin Swift. who being all the Representatives except one from Sandwich, and no particular reason given for him why he did not attend, the Representatives of that Quarter are desired to enquire the reason and report to our next yearly meeting.

Our friend David Sands was at this meeting on a Religious visit and has a Certificate from Nine partner Monthly Meeting dated 27 of 3 mo. 1778 and was well received.

Also our friend Aaron Lancaster was at this meeting on a Religious visit and has a Certificate from Oblong Monthly meeting, dated 15th 3 mo. last and was to Satisfaction.

Also our friend [illegible] was at the meeting on a Religious visit and has a Certificate from [illegible] Monthly meeting dated [illegible] and was received to Satisfaction.

Also our friends [illegible] was at the meeting on a Religious visit and has a Certificate from [illegible] Monthly meeting dated [illegible] and was received to Satisfaction.

[illegible] Epistle from the general Spring, and one wrote on for the Yearly meeting in London last year.

One Epistle of Testimony from the yearly meeting at Philadelphia and one from the meeting for sufferings at Philadelphia [illegible] of the 2d month 1758, were read to our Comfort and Satisfaction.

The meeting adjourns to the 11th hour to morrow.

13th day met by adjournment.

Epistles rec.d from the several Quarterly meetings with Answers to the Queries, which being read and several remarks made on the Returns thereof, the meeting proceeds to appoint Joseph Wilkinson & John Lawrence, Stephen Grellet, Isaac Hunlock, James Sands, Samuel Collins, Jonathan Evans, Benj.a Evans, Thomas Evans, Peter Dicks, to take Copies of the Epistles to the Quarterly meetings of London, Philadelphia, and Baltimore, and bring a Report of this meeting.

The Friends William Cobb, George Comfort, James Smith, William Dillon, Jacob Southwick, William Winslow, Joseph Wing, Isaac Randall, Thomas Rogers, Obadiah Newell & Peter Dicks are appointed to consider of the two matters mentioned in the 10th Epistle of Queries, take the matter from the meeting for sufferings & Correspond the advice of this meeting — and report their proceedings to the adjournment of this meeting.

The Friends Jonathan Lapsley, Richard Downs Jr. Thomas Hoag, Benjamin Kite are desired to inspect the Books of the Treasurer, and settle with him before the Conference of this meeting, and report to the adjournment of this meeting to the 10th hour in Second day next.

Upon reading a minute of this meeting respecting the Conduct of the Trustees belonging to Nine Partners, and that it is not done last year — Concluded to refer the Consideration thereof

The Committee appointed last year to visit and advise Friends Monthly meetings, report which being read, and the sense of the meeting being taken, it appears to the general Satisfaction thereof, and is as follows.

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To the Worthy meeting of Friends held at Long plain for Sandwich the 7th day of the 10th month 1777.

Dear Friends We being under appointment by last yearly meeting to visit your meeting, with which we have complied as we were able, and have now to inform you that we have received a pamphlet entitled Timothy Dawes Pamphlet

We first advise and recommend that each one settle down in the fear of the Lord and diligently attend to the gift of grace in their own hearts, and we fully believe that there you will find that help which is sufficient for you, and that you will be enabled to overcome all temptations and doubtings of which Satan is the author, and by keeping your minds stayed on the Lord you will be preserved from all those snares and temptations which are laid in the way for you to fall into, and you will be enabled to know the Lord to be a strength in the time of trouble, and a refuge for the poor in distress.

And as we find you yet remain divided in sentiment and there is a want of unity and love among you, we advise that you keep to your meetings for discipline as usual, and that you diligently attend to the business of the same, and that you do not suffer any thing to come into your meetings for discipline that may cause any disunity among you, but that you keep out of all disputes and controversies, and that you do not suffer any thing to be read in your meetings for discipline but what is sound and edifying, and that you do not suffer any thing to be read in

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[illegible] any in a state of slavery.

[illegible]

[illegible] Friends to consider of the matters from Rhode Island Quarter respecting Liberty of Conscience in case of Marriage &c. Report which is accepted and is as follows

Pursuant to [illegible] appointment we have considered the matters [illegible] Yearly meeting by their last Quarterly meeting, and are [illegible] Liberty of Conscience in case of Marriage with Quarterly meetings [illegible]

Directions respecting passing Testimonials in case of marriage

any time orderly persons may be admitted to attend that part of the business, Provided they have the consent of the meeting & that they have [illegible] Expressed on the 4th Day, respecting what time [illegible] is proper to be kept for persons to make proposals of marriage & that it is left to Each particular meeting to limit or wise [illegible] all which we submit to the judgment of the Quarterly meeting.

Josiah Southwick
Silvanus Hopkins
Joseph Wing
Isaac Peckham
Thomas Wing

Thomas Rogers
[illegible]
[illegible]
George [illegible]
[illegible]

The Friends appointed Report that they have Settled accounts with Caleb [illegible] respecting his marriage & find there to remain in the Treasury of the meeting as money £ 237.14.10 Lawful Money

The meeting adjourns to the 11th hour to morrow

6th day met by adjournment

Caleb Carpenter offering to be Married to Lydia Gifford, Inquiry was made respecting his clearness from Each of the Women & it appears George Gifford & Family and Isaac [illegible] & Family and Isaac [illegible] & Family and Isaac [illegible]

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[illegible] We the Com[mitte]e appointed to confer with friends from other Quarterly meetings respecting the matter referred to, in their minute, Report, That we have met with said friends, and divers others, and conferred on the Subject, and after having the matter opened It appears their meeting is much divided, and greatly Shaken in and of assistance, We therefore the Com[mitte]e and divers friends expressing their minds, are unanimous of opinion that it may be best that this meeting give forth a Testimony against the Subsisting said pamphlet and in conclusion of that it be recommended down to the Quarterly meeting, That they deal by meeting deal with the author as a Transgressor; and this meeting & send said meeting such assistance as they in wisdom may find necessary all which we Submit to the Yearly meetings Judgment

Jabez Wing
Elijah Jenckins
Stephen Morrell
William Anthony Jun[r]

Timothy Peaslee
Daniel Anthony
Daniel Howland Jun[r]

Thereupon this meeting appoint our Friends Thomas Arnold, William Potter, Holder Brown, Elisha Thurston, James Neal, Caleb Thurston, & Elijah Jenckins to attend said Meeting, and Report to this meeting before the end of [illegible]

Accordingly they Presented one which was read approved of and signed, and ordered to be [illegible] Copies thereof given forth from our Yearly meeting held at Newport from the 12th to the 16th of the 6th month 1778 Inclusive for [illegible]

Whereas a Book in Manuscript, Upon the Subject of Sanctification was written by a Member of this Religious Society and came under the consideration of our meeting for Sufferings before the Matter was known to this meeting, Which Book or Pamphlet we view being altogether disagreeable to Friends Principles and tending to [illegible] Friends Testimony. A Copy whereof we have procured and is hereunto annexed [illegible] Therefore this meeting doth disapprove of the said Book or Pamphlet and the Doctrine therein contained and do testify against the same as being contrary to the Truth as it is held forth by the People called Quakers and that the Author thereof be dealt with according to the Rules of Discipline established among us for such Offenders

"Letter from a Friend to Some of his Intimate Friends" [illegible]

Under sufferings and interlaying differed and disputes amongst friends, as well
containing matter disagreeable to our practice, and testimony as a people, and also
against the Manner in which it was Published to the World, being inconsistent with
rule and method Laid down & Consented to by the Society
Ordered by order of our said Yearly Meeting, by Thomas Lapsley and Wm Hancock

It appearing by a representation of a Comtee from Sandwich Quarter that they
are in an unhappy division amongst themselves occasioned by the Publication of papers
this meeting hath this day Satisfyed against, and the Parties concerned therein being
willing to make Friends Satisfaction therein, And this meeting being carefully
desirous of the Restoration and Union of every part of the Body, do recommend Daniel
Wheeler, Isaac King, Daniel Stanley, Daniel Cook, John Hoag, Timothy Hussey, Stephen
Merrell, and Josiah Southwick, Junr that Quarterly, Monthly Meetings
and such Members as may appear to them to have been drawn aside from the
unity and Fellowship of the Body on occasion of this unhappy matter, and offer to visit
Friendly Love and endeavour in the Spirit of Love, Gentleness and Meekness
and so counsel in wisdom they may be enabled, to do and that the pure and
Testimony of Truth be maintained and Supported and the said Quarterly and
Monthly meetings, as well as particular Members are desired to attend to the meetings
are directed in the advice which the Comtee may in wisdom see how to the ease of
both the give on this occasion — and report to this meeting next year.

This Meeting indorsed a few lines on the back of the Recommendations
for Friends Abel Tripp, Joseph Lancaster and Thos Stone to Visit
Nine Monthly meeting, Signifying our Satisfaction with their Conduct
which were Signed by the Clerk

The Comtee appointed to prepare Epistles &c to the Several
Quarterly meetings, which were read approved of and Signed by the Clerk
& to be Sent accordingly. Also the Epistle to the Yearly meeting of Ireland
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The Comtee appointed to prepare a Recommendation for our Friends Barnabas
Easton & David Sands to the Yearly meeting in Ireland to were approved of & Signed by an number
of Friends

The Minutes and proceedings of the meeting for Sufferings in the last year were
read, and the meeting having spent some time in deliberating thereon and the
circumstances of divers Friends being considered, it appears to be the general
sense of this meeting, that they have manifested Diligence and attention to their

Friends concern in them, and that their proceedings in the general
approved of by this meeting. Therefore said Meeting is continued to
proceed in the weighty matters that may come before them in the course of the
sitting of it, and to humbly wait for Divine Influence to direct them therein.

This Meeting for Sufferings having got 1500 of the London printed Epistle
reprinted and sent to the meeting which were directed to be divided and sent to
the Quarterly meetings.

A Quarterly Meeting held at Smithfield for New-
England by adjournments from the 12th of the 8th mo. to the 16th of the same
London 1718. to this Settlement at their next Yearly meeting to be held in
London.

Dear Friends printed
Your Epistle General Epistle, and Letters
xxx xxx read with for Newengland dated from the 19th to the 24
of the 3d month 1718 have been read in this meeting to our edification
& comfort. Our Meeting for Sufferings having reprinted the general
Epistle we have directed the several Families within this yearly meeting to
be supplied with Copies for their edification and Instruction. And as the
advice therein contained is like to will be, as a preservative from that great
evil & Calamity, Mixed Marriages; which indeed mournfully
affect the minds those who labour under a living concern for the good
of Sion, and the prosperity of Truth upon Earth. Our meeting
with hope, that the surfeiters from Rhode Island have not been due to
blame the Communion of that Island as well as Long Island and the
rest of it being much disturbed, and we have thankfully to acknowledge
the Goodness of God, in preserving the Unity of the Church
wherein graciously blessed by the great Master of our Assemblies. And we
are desirous to transmit the Love of the same blessed Spirit
to the rest of the Churches of Christ
In which respect we have to inform you that by reason of
distant Quarterly Meetings Friends meeting in our Testimony against
Slavery, have been called in Question, insomuch as some Friends
have been concerned in the Slave Trade, Meeting from whence they came

as appears necessary at this time, being as agreeable to the opinion of
our meeting.

Our dear friends sufferings on acct of military Exactions between
our meeting last year, from the Monthly meetings belonging to that Yearly
within that Government, is Two Thousand four hundred and Seventy three pounds
Lawful money in the currency as it passed at the several times of distraint. And
it is with Satisfaction we have to acquaint you that Friends have generally
borne their sufferings with Christian patience, and many others not of our
Society appear tenderly affected towards them. We have also to inform you
That notwithstanding the distention that appears in many, and Carnage seems to
over the Land, yet the gracious visitations of Divine grace are still extended,
and Divers have been added to our Society by convincement since last year, and
Love and Unity Subsists among Friends in a good degree, and in general to the
support of our Christian Discipline. Without Salutation of Love we conclude,
we are your friends and Brethren.

Signed in & on behalf of said Meeting by Thomas Lawson in the Chair,

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A Yearly meeting held for New England
began at the upper and lower meeting Houses in Smithfield and at the
Great House in Rehoboth for worship the 15th of the 2d month 1779
and on the 17th began at Smithfield upper meeting house for Business

The several Quarterly meetings being called the Representatives were
For Rhode Island, Thomas Rhodes, James Rhodes, Thomas
Hicks Jonathan Hazard, Daniel Baker, Joshua Dunn & Ray Reba
For Salem Joshua Wilson, Jonathan Lawton, Joshua Collins, Daniel
Howell, Josiah Southwick, Hannah Sowle, & John Hoyle
For Dartmouth Ruth Rodman, John Bailey Jun. Joseph Wing, Thomas
Wing, Jonathan Rodman, Edward Wing, and Benajah Allen,
who being called were all present except Ruth Perkins, who sent
his excuse that he was Indisposed

Thomas Lapham is appointed Clerk for this time

Our Friend Solomon Sherman Updegraff produced a Certificate from
Yearly meeting held at Wakeing 12th last month Expressing their
unity & concurrence with his Intention of attending this meeting. and also his having an acceptable gift in the ministry the same was
read & Established

See Epistles One Printed General and a Written Epistle from the
Yearly meeting held in London last year

One from Philadelphia last year, with some Extracts there with sent
to this from the Yearly meeting held on Long Island last month, which
were read to the Comfort and Edification of this meeting

The Accounts from the several Quarterly meetings with Answers to the
Queries, which were read, except the Answers

The Meeting Adjourns to the 11th hour to morrow

12th day met by adjournment, the Representatives being called were all present &
attended yesterday

Rhode Island Quarterly meeting in their Epistle desiring this meeting to
consider of a method to promote the Establishing of Schools for the Instruction of

South among friends, Thereupon our friends Stephen Morrell, Hope Cannon Daniel Neal Jeremiah Austin, Hope Brown James Neal, Ste Gibbons, Jonathan Dane, Paul Greene, Philip Snipp, Joshua Watson Peleg Wana, Stephen Hazzi. Joseph Ingalls, Abraham Low, William Anthony Junr to gether with such other friends as may feel an Engagement to attend with them, are appointed to take the matter under consideration, with that Proposal of revising the Queries and, Report their sense upon the same, to the Adjournment of this meeting.

A Report was made to this meeting that the Representatives from Sandwich Quarter, that did not attend last year, had been Treated with, and that he Signified he had no Excuse to make, and was sorry for his neglect.

The Comtee appointed last year to visit Sandwich Quarterly & Monthly meet. Make report as follows.

We of the Comtee appointed to visit Sandwich Quarter have proceeded accordingly — and visited Sandwich Quarterly and monthly Meetings, and divers particular members thereof. and likewise Timothy Davis and after Laboring according to our Several Capacities commended the following to their Quarterly Meeting. Viz.

We of the Comtee appointed by our last yearly meeting to visit Sandwich Quarter; have after attending the adjournment of your last Quarterly meeting proceeded to visit Sandwich Monthly Meeting and do see it meet to take up the matter respecting Timothy Davis and proceed therein with according to the direction of said Yearly meeting, communicated to you, and it is our advise that the Quarterly meeting take the same under Serious notice, and afford them your assistance from time to time till the work be compleated — and if any of your members shall refuse diregard the advice and direction of said yearly meeting and endeavour to effect the progress of their Discipline in such case we advise that your monthly meetings to take such persons and treat them accordingly.

Daniel Cole
Daniel Anthony
Jabez Wing

Timothy Seaffer
Josiah Chadwick

state amongst them which unfits them for ordering differences, and Labouring and dealing with all offenders. Whereupon this meeting appoints our friends Jonathan Mary, Joshua Deval, Joshua Fullom Jeremiah Tucker, Isaac Bassett, William Mosher, Joseph Mitchell Thomas Hicks, Isaac Upton, James Neal, Daniel Sewall, Abraham Jun. Samuel Cleves, & David Buffum, a Comtee to further visit and speak with that Quarterly Meeting, and their Monthly meetings or individuals Members from time to time, as wisdom may direct and to Labour in Gospel Love to restore them to Love and unity, and to their proper places in the body. and report their sense what further if any thing may be necessary to be done respecting them, to our next yearly meeting.

The Epistles with the answers from the Quarterly meetings were read, and our friends Peter Pearnel, Thomas King, Daniel Hudson Jun. Richard Jones, Andrew Rushin, Elijah Jenkins, Thomas Goodson John Williams, Jacob Mott Jun. Job Scott, Samuel Cowles, Thomas Collins, and John Cooper are appointed to draw Epistles to the yearly meetings of London Philadelphia & Long Island. and to our Quarterly meetings. and bring to the adjournment of this meeting.

Our friends Jeremiah Rushin Jun. Joshua Kenny and Daniel Mowry are desired to Inspect the State of the Treasury. and settle with the Treasurer of this meeting. and report to the adjournment of this meeting. which is adjourned to the 11th hour on fourth day next.

11th day met by adjournment.

A minute made last year respecting the poor from Nine Partners, or elsewhere, is by this meeting renewed to continue till next yearly meeting, such poor to have the same Liberty as other poor, to remove to other monthly Meetings with the approbation of the Monthly Meeting they first settled in. and then said Monthly Meeting to which they remove, to conduct with them as the Monthly Meeting they first settled in, were directed to.

The Comtee appointed respecting Negroes. report which being read is approved of and is as follows viz

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We have met according to appointment and fully entered into the proposal of Rhode Island Quarter in the recommendation of our Brethren of Pensylvania & New Jersey in their last Epistle Respecting the Education of our Youth, in Schools, under the care of Solid friends and the concern of many Brethren to have their Children Living ~~[illegible]~~ in a sweet sentiment, discovered upon conference, that this Important duty and concern hath for a long time been much neglected, in the various parts of our yearly meeting

We have to recommend a revival of our Discipline in this matter, and also that each Quarter be furnished with a copy of the Doings of the last yearly meeting of Philadelphia upon this subject, which in our Judgment would be usefully adopted Amongst us as fast as friends see their way clear in, and to promote so necessary branch of our Christian duty, as the Religious Education of our youth. We appointed a number of Solid friends in each Quarter to advise and assist the several Monthly Meetings in the best method of Education of the Children & youth among friends would be useful and for each Quarter to return an ~~[illegible]~~ to the next Yearly meeting, of the progress that may be made in order to open the subject for further advice, and assistance in this Interesting matter

We have also read and considered the Queries, and approve them ~~[illegible]~~ and some alteration may be useful, yet upon conferring upon the matter, think it safe and may be best to refer that matter to the next Yearly Meeting

Signed by desire & in behalf of the whole Comm the Except Jeremiah Austin and Stephen Horsey who were absent

Joshua Hobson
Abraham Davis

The Com to inspect the state of the Treasury Report that they have examined and find the Treasurers Account ~~[illegible]~~ £ 2.5.4 Cash in hand Money and Bonds ~~[illegible]~~ to pay Quarterly by Note with one Security, Certificate in the Treasurers hands for ~~[illegible]~~ and Debts Due to the Treasurer for Stock &c, Many Bonds among to be renewed for Various other Purposes

Signed by Order of the Committee
Joshua Hobson

The treasurer informs that he hath since received by the hands of Jeremiah Hacker from Salem Quarter £72.12.3 Paper Currency.

Whereupon this meeting Concludes not to recommend a further sum to be raised for the yearly meeting stock, but in case a further sum should be wanting before next yearly meeting, the meeting for sufferings are directed to recommend to the Quarterly or monthly meetings to raise such a sum as that meeting may think necessary, that friends are desired to contribute in freedom thereto.

The Meeting Adjourns to the 9th hour to morrow.

15th day met by Adjournment.

The Minutes & proceedings of the Meeting for Sufferings during the last year, were read last year evening, and the consideration thereof referred till this morning, according to the same being opened before the meeting, It appears to be the sense thereof, that the doings of that meeting Are in the general to satisfaction, accordingly the same is approved of. And this meeting thinking a continuation of such a committee meeting may be useful in these trying times, And several of the members of that Meeting thinking a new nomination might be useful, This meeting dismiss the former appointed Friends (except Isaac Easton, and Jacob Mott, of Rhode Island, who are continued) and proceeds to appoint our friends Thomas Rowe, Moses Farnum, William Hoskins, Thomas Aldrich, George Comstock, Josiah Southwick, Joshua Fulsom, James Neal, Elisha Thurston, Jonathan Dunn, Moses Brown, Thomas Hazard, Jun. Bayley, Thomas Larkin, John Winslow, Thomas Arnold, Joshua Davis, Jeremiah Hacker, Jonathan Hoag, Samuel Smith, Jun. Columbus Hall, and Daniel Coit, Peter Mitchell, Jonathan Jun. Joseph Williams, Thomas Arthur and David Buffum, in addition to those continued as members of said meeting on Rhode Island, & Meeting for Sufferings instead of the former, and to have the care of all like matters, as those committed to the former, and the same members are impowered to Act, and said meeting is desired to meet once a month or oftener if necessary, and to be careful in conducting the weighty affairs that may arise before them so as to [illegible]

[illegible] to the minutes of meeting given one as per [illegible] respectfully Entered.

The Com[te] appointed presented minutes to the yearly meetings of London Philadelphia & Long Island which being read and some alterations therein was made were approved of and sign[d] by the Clk. And Moses Brown is desired to transcribe & forward them by the first conveyance opportunity.

The Epistles to the Quarterly meetings were presented read and approved of and sign[d] by the Clerk.

This meeting Ordered a few lines on the back of the minute Solomon Mann Will produced to this meeting mentioning his attending this meeting with his companion Joseph Wilcox and that their Labours of Love both in their publick ministry and in the discipline of the Church, were truly acceptable to us, which was sign[d] by the Clerk.

Also an Endorsement on the back of a Certificate [illegible] from this meeting last year, signifying that his service among us in the gospel was acceptable, was entered and sign[d] by the Clerk.

This meeting having proceeded in and through the business for which they assembled under the permission of Divine Providence and having had a comfortable favour therein. We mention the same with thankfulness and adjourn to meet again next Year of the Lord permit.

From our Yearly Meeting held at Smithfield for New England by adjournments from the 11th of the 6th month 1787 to the 15th of the same Inclusive — To Our Friends and Brethren at their next yearly meeting to be held in London —

Dear Friends/ We are again favoured thro' Divine mercy with an opportunity of meeting together in order to transact the affairs of our Society — but acknowledging the receipt of your Epistle to us, and your Printed general Epistle of last year; both which have been read in this meeting to our Strengthening and Edification —

Robert Jenkins

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Notwithstand the Prevailing commotions and distress we have been favoured to assemble from the various and extensive parts of New England, & other more generally than heretofore Rhode Island excepted, who still remains to be cut off from the rest personal communication — It affords us particular satisfaction and comfort on their account, as well as our own, to feel ourselves in your remembrance in your Solemn Assemblies — May the great Lord of the harvest, and Father of all our mercies who sees meet at times to suffer the communication of his Churches, and the means of mutual Strength & support to be mercifully interrupted compensate himself his own divine communications; and still continue to open the way for the carrying on his work in the Earth by such means & by whome he will —

We have reason to believe the Recent afflictive dispensations have already been sanctified to the stiring up some to a more diligent examination into their own standing in the Church; as well as to the convincement of others of the way of Truth, divers of whom have been united in membership with us since last year, And are still encouraged to hope for more extensive benefits therefrom, If rightly submitted to, To the promotion of which your friendly and affectionate council and advice seasonably communicated from time to time, we believe has had & doubtl not will continue to have available Influence —

We are glad to be informed by the Epistle of our Brethren in Pensylvania &c. that a concern for the Advancement of our Testimony against war and fighting is growing and spreading more and more among them — And we have to inform you that it is also the case among us, may we be preserved in that meekness & the watch of the Spirit which becomes the stability of the Gospel — The amount of friends suffering within Rhode Island government on account of our religious Testimony against war and fighting, since our last Yearly meeting is three thousand four hundred & fifty seven pounds Lawful money as the currency was at the several times of distress — And friends in other parts of this yearly meeting have been also [illegible] for their Testimony against war as well as [illegible] This Sum [illegible] the Sufferings of those [illegible] but the amount is not [illegible]

[illegible] Love to Friends & Brethren
Sign'd in and on behalf of our said Meeting

by Thomas Lapsham Clk this time.

At our Yearly Meeting held at Newport on Rhode Island for New England, began at Portsmouth the 6th of the 6th month 1708. for Worship, and on the 7th in the afternoon a Meeting for Discipline began at Newport. The several Quarterly meetings being called their Representatives are —

For Rhode Island } Simon Searman, Jonathan Mory, Samuel Smith, Joseph Mitchell, William Hosier, David Buffum, Stephen Hazley, John Case & Phillip Sapp, & Benjamin Earle —

For Salem — } Stephen Morrell, Joshua Foldom, Jeremiah Hacker, Andrew Austin, Samuel Collins, Jonathan Veale Peter Hovell jun', and Timothy Robinson —

For Sandwich } Richard Bolmo, Samuel Hoag, Joseph Rogers, Thomas Rogers, Jeremiah Austin, John Russell, Ebenezer Allen, & John Tingley jun' —

Isaac Lawton having served as Clerk for this meeting for divers years to great Satisfaction, and now desiring to be excused, and offering some reasons of weight for the same, he is excused accordingly, and Thomas Lapham is appointed to that Service for the year ensuing —

A Certificate for our Friend John Boyd from the Monthly Meeting of Friends in the County of Philadelphia dated 25th 11th month 1707. Signifying his conversation whilst with them, & Moral Honesty with Love was read to Satisfaction.

The Accts from the Quarterly Meetings for Moneys received & disbursed being read, & Benezer Hazlehurst, from a Judgment of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting &c.

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being called on proposed to present the same. Thereupon this
Meeting appoints our friends Stephen Merrell Isaac Upton Jeremiah Thurber Jeremiah Austin Joshua Mayhew Jun.r Richard Sisson
Timothy Robinson Jun.r Peter Merrell Jun.r and Moses Brownell
to hear and determine that matter and report to an adjournment of
this meeting. ——— which is adjourned to the 10 hour to morrow
10.th day met by adjournment. The Representatives being called over all
present, except a few who were on a Comm.te. ———

The Comm.te appointed last year to visit Southwick Quarter
Report as follows. To the yearly meeting now sitting. ——
We of the Comm.te agreeable to appointment have visited
Quarterly and Monthly Meetings at stated times and had some satis-
factory Service. have service to report which is generally
Counted well taken. And it is our sense and Judgment that except
an addition be made to that Quarter is proper it may be best to visit
to visit them by a Comm.te Which we submit to the Judgment of the yearly meeting

Newport 10.th 6.m 1780 — Isaac Upton
Thomas Hicks
David Buffum

Joshua Nelson
Joshua Dowel
William Hoten
Jeremiah Baker

The above Report is approved of and it not appearing time to make
an addition. This meeting thinks best to further visit that Quarter by
Com.te Therefore our friends Jonathan Macy, Benjamin Buffinton
David Buffum, Jacob Mott, Isaac Upton Isaac Lawton Thomas
Hicks, Samuel Collins, and Joshua Nelson are appointed for the
this purpose as the former Committee were and to confer with Dartmouth
Smithfield, and Nantucket Monthly Meetings respecting having
there to Southwick Quarter. which Report the yearly meeting

The Subject of Schools being opened in this Meeting and the state
from the several Quarters upon that Subject being read, it appears that
the Recommendations of last yearly meeting have not the full effect
here of the Quarterly Meetings, and that some progress hath been
made towards establishing Schools for the Education of our youth
in virtue.

But as the want of suitable Teachers seems to obstruct the progress of Friends in that respect — this Meeting feeling a concern to remove as much as present Circumstances will admit of every obstacle that may prevent so necessary a Work — Do therefore appoint our Friends Thomas Richardson Jane, Benjamin Sisson, Elijah Jenkins, Samuel Smith Elder, Isaac Davis, Wm Rotch, Samuel Rodman, Thomas Hazard, David Stephens, Moses Brown, Thomas Robinson, Samuel Collins, Joshua Read, Jabez Wingate, William Winslow to take the matter into solid consideration — and report to a future sitting of this meeting what appears best to be done further in that matter — and also to examine and revise the Queries and make such alterations as they shall think necessary — and report to an adjournment of this meeting —

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The Meeting adjourns to the 3d hour this afternoon —

met by adjournment

Received Epistles the printed general Epistle, and one written one from the Yearly Meeting of London Last year —

Also received one from Philadelphia yearly Meeting last Last year, all which were read to good Satisfaction —

A Testimony from Kingston Monthly Meeting with a concurring one from Rhode Island Quarterly Concerning our Deceased Friend Peter Davis were read in this meeting and approved of the same is directed to be recorded in the Book for that use

A Testimony from Kingston, Monthly meeting, with a concurring one from Rhode Island Quarter Concerning our Deceased Friend John Collins were read in this meeting, approved of and Directed to be recorded in it's proper place —

The Committee appointed Report which being read and accepted is as follows

To the Yearly meeting now Sitting —

We the Subscribers are appointed to hear and determine on an appeal laid by Benezer Sackett from the Judgment of Rhode Island Quarterly meeting in the 10th month 1779 — Having heard the Appeal on both Sides, and considered the same — Do Confirm the Judgment of the Quarterly meeting, Richard Ellery, Jeremiah Thacher, Moses Brown, Stephen Hazard, Solomon Sisson, Peter Harris Jun, Jeremiah Slocum, John Langley Junr —

Newport 10th of the 6th month 1780 —

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The Queries, and Answers from the Several Quarterly meetings, was read, and our friends John Hadwin, John Gould, Job Scott, Daniel Anthony, Wm Anthony Jun.r Jacob Chace, Jeremiah Hastings Jun.r Daniel Howland Jun.r John Bailey Jun.r & John Thurston, are appointed to Consider the Answers, and make such remarks to the Quarterly meeting as may appear needful in an Epistle, which they are desired to draught and bring to the adjournment of this meeting and also to Draught Epistles to London, Philadelphia & Longlsland yearly meetings.

Our friends Stephen Merrell, Thomas Aldrich, Jonathan May, Moses Dow, John Thurston, Richard Delano, Ebenezer Allen, Joshua Fulcom, William Chaffee, and James Mitchell are appointed to inspect the State of the Treasury, and settle Accts with the Treasurers and propose a Sum to be raised for yearly Stocks for the Year ensuing

Also to consider a method to support the poor on the main who moved from Rhode Island, and were supplyed the two last years out of the yearly meeting stock — and consider whether any alteration, may be best respecting holding the yearly meeting next year — and report to the adjournment of this meeting — which is adjourned to the 10th hour on second day next.

12th day met by Adjournment, The representatives being called were not present.

The following report was read and accepted viz.

We according to appointment Inspected the State of the Treasury and find in the Treasurers hands in hard money £8-8-12-11.,
In paper Currency — 90-8-4½

We think it may be proper to raise two cents in hard money for the yearly meeting Stock the year ensuing — and in case more should be needed the meeting appointing to Recommend to the several Quarterly or monthly Meetings to Contribute in proportion for that purpose.

Also the poor that have removed off Rhode Island or elsewhere with a Certificate that they be supported as the Discipline directs.

Rhode Island be the most suitable place to hold the yearly meeting unless any thing should happen to prevent it, and then the meeting for Sufferings to point out where it may be held.

James Mitchell, Lemuel Allen, Joshua Hudson, Thomas Arnold, Jonathan Hazard, Stephen Merrell, Richard Ireland, Wm. Jepson, Peter Dorr, John Winslow.

The Minutes and proceedings of the Meeting for Sufferings in the last year, were read, and appeared to be to the general satisfaction of Friends. Therefore this meeting thinks meet to confirm the proceedings of the said meeting. And doth continue the friends appointed last year, except Moses Harmon who is deceased and Joshua Hudson who for satisfactory reasons desires to be dismissed, and Benjamin Hopkins and John Lucas are added to the meeting for sufferings, who are hereby appointed according to the directions given last year.

The Meeting adjourns to the 4th hour this afternoon.

Met accordingly. The Representatives being called were all present.

The Committee Appointed Report as follows.

Agreeable to appointment we have considered of the Queries, and made some alterations, and herewith present what appears to be best. And do recommend, and advise that they may hereafter be read before the Queries as follows.

It is recommended that all Contention and personal reflections be kept out of our meetings, that all friends be careful to keep out of heats, and passions, and doubtful disputations, and that we suffer no such hurtful contentious practices amongst us in ordering or managing the affairs of Truth, but that the same be managed in the peaceable Spirit of Jesus, with charity and forbearance and love to one another.

That the usual Meetings for Religious worship and discipline regularly kept up. Duly attended and the hours observed, and are friends preserved from sleeping, or any other unbecoming behaviour therein, particularly observing silence.

Not having Snuff.

and

2nd Do Love and study reconciliation & cure first the Heavens both the Tale bearing Backbiting and evil reports encouraged, and where differences arise are endeavours Speedily used to end them —

3d Are Parents careful to bring them up in plainness of Speech, behaviour and apparel, and in the frequent reading the Holy Scriptures as well in Stated retirements in their families as other seasons, to restrain them from reading pernicious Books and the corrupt conversation of the world —

4th Are friends careful to avoid the frequented use of Spirituous Liquors unnecessary frequenting Taverns and places of publick resort, and when necessarily met at such places, or at Births Marriages Burials or other occasions, do they in conversation and conduct, walk in true moderation and temperance becomes the professors of the blessed Truth? —

5th Are the circumstances of the poor, and such as appear likely to need assistance, duly inspected, and their necessities relieved, or they elevated in such business as they are capable of, Do their Children freely partake of learning & fit them for business, and are they and other friends children plain among friends —

6th Do no young or unmarried person, make any proposals of marriage without first having the Consent of his Parents and the woman's parents or guardians, Nor keep Company with those not of our Society, on that account — And are friends careful not to countenance disorderly marriages by joining in the accomplishment of their Entertainments for the same —

7th Do no widowers or widows, make or admit of Proposals of marriage within twelve months after the decease of former Husband or wife, and are not the Rights of Children by former Marriages regarded? —

8th Do not maintain a faithful Testimony against the payment of Priests wages, tythes of Hops, Seamens or other military matters, nor appear concerned in any purchasing or being concerned in

1st Prosper ye taking in ways Against depriving ye Ring of his Rights or Liberty
or wording of parties & forfeiture of ye *

* See Friends respect to make their Wills & settle their outward affairs while
in Health, & take friends advice Therein & write neatly, & ye publick
Gifts & Legacies applied to ye uses intended by ye Donors *

2nd Are Friends clear of intermeddling in any way for selling, exporting or taking
of mankind as Slaves, and are all those who have the Care of Negroes Labouring
to discharge them from Slavery as Truth may require? And do they take care that ye Children
of such Negroes through neglect or immorality be not suffered to run into ruin,
but do they give them that are young, such an Education as Truth requires
and are the others encouraged in a diligent & honest Life? *

4th Are Friends careful to live within the Limits of their circumstances, and to avoid
launching into Trade, or Business Exceeding their abilities to manage, & thereby
by breach of their promises, and neglect the very means of their just debts, or otherwise
bring dishonour upon ye Religious profession, and are such as give reason
the grounds of fear on these accounts, timely labored with for their recovery?

5th Are there any belonging to this meeting removed without Certificates or have
come from other places appearing as Friends, who have not produced Certificates
for whom Certificates have not been produced? *

6th Are you Concerned Regularly to deal with all offenders in the spirit of
meekness and Wisdom without partiality or unnecessary delay, and where
any Continue Obstinate to place Judgement upon them in the Love of Truth?

* As the latter part of this 8th Query is from present circumstances, rendered unsuitable
Friends are desired to suspend Answering * All which we submit to the weighty
Meeting * At Newport 12th of the 6th month 1780 * Samuel Wing, Johnson
Jerad, Thos Hazard Elijah Jenkins, Isaac Wing, David Shepherd, Wm
Brown, Thomas Hicks, Samuel Smith, Jonathan Lawton, Samuel
Collins, William Robt, Thomas Robinson, Isaac Lawton, David Sherman
Wm Wilbur, William Wilbur *

The same being Considered and many Friends expressing their satisfaction
therein * the same is approved of and the Clerk is directed to Copy it
and transmit it to the Quarterly Meeting to be laid before the Yearly Meeting
to which we are Subordinate *

[illegible] appointed to report upon the Yearly Meeting [illegible]

[illegible] Committee appointed to consider of a plan for the erecting of [illegible]
Schools for the Education of our Children & youth, in order to Qualify [illegible]
a Steward or Stewards and School Masters for the
Children and others of the Society may receive the benefit of learning [illegible]
also how & by what means having conference with Friends [illegible]
upon the Subject proposed the recommending some to the several Quarterly and Monthly Meetings, the promoting such, & such voluntary Subscriptions, Donations, Bequests, and Devises, as may be made to the Meeting under the direction of the Subject to a Law, to remain forever, to vest the Interest, or Income of such Donations, to be applied to the support of Education. And that the Committee appointed by this Yearly Meeting; to whom, or some of them, Deeds and Conveyances of Real Estates may be made, as Trustees for the Yearly Meeting for New England: and to be Authorized to receive all Donations, Collections, and Subscriptions, and take care of Devises, which may be made from time to time, for the purposes afore said, and to appropriate the same, and to be in all Cases Subject to the direction of the Yearly Meeting.

And that said Committee, as soon as it shall be enabled, open a School in such place as they may think most convenient, within the Limits of this Yearly meeting. And as the fund shall or may be increased, to increase the number of Schools if necessary, in the most convenient places, within the limits afore said: And have the right of Procuring & appointing all Masters, and Instructors of such Schools; and also to Establish such general rules and orders; both for the observation of the Instructors, and Scholars, Directing the books that shall or may be used, and the branches of Learning to be inculcated, to Set out with Truth, and the good order of the Society; and to take the necessary care, that they are faithfully attended unto. The said Committee to be subject from time, to time, to the orders and direction of this Meeting; and to be annually reappointed, if that or some other Meeting may require. And that the said Fund is to be considered, as perpetual, vested and confined to the purposes of Education, Annually; but that the disposition and application thereof be in the yearly meeting; And that Schools are to have Liberty to receive in to the Said Schools such Children, of other Societies, as may [illegible]

Rules and Regulations of the School) when ever the Comtee may after due Consideration of all Circumstances think it expedient and best.

And as it appears that it is necessary in most monthly meetings for the due Education of the Rising generation, It is the desire of this Comtee that such be continued and encouraged, and that the Example of this meeting appears, may encouragement to each particular meeting, to attend to, so important and necessary a Concern.

And in order to the yearly Establishment of the Nursery Institution, We Recommend a Subscription in Freedom, to be opened at all the meetings, to be forthwith applied for the purpose aforesaid;

And that it become the care of Friends in future, to promote Annual Subscriptions, to be applyed to the use of the School; and the Income of the Stock will be sufficient, and so make Such Annual Subscriptions unnecessary.

All which is Submitted to the yearly Meeting.

Signed the 2d. of the 8th month 1760. Samuel Wing, Isaac Jewel, Thomas Hazard, Elijah Jenkins, Jabez Wing, David Sisson, Moses Brown, Thomas Richardson, Samuel Smith, Samuel Collins, Jonathan Dane, Thomas Robinson, William Rotch, Benjamin Hopkinson, Abr. Davis.

Which the same being several times read, and very fully Considered, this meeting approves of the Same, and Commits the care and management thereof to the meeting for Sufferings, any of whom are impowered to receive donations, to be Convey'd to the meeting for their disposal.

And that any three or more to be by them named, be Trustees in Trust for the Yearly meeting, to Receive Deeds and Conveyances of any Real Estate.

The Friends appointed Presented Epistles to the yearly meetings of London, Philadelphia & Long Island, which being read and some alterations made in, approved of, and Signed by the Clerk. And Ordered to be forwarded by Thomas Robinson. Also Epistles to the several Quarters belonging to this meeting were presented approved of & Signed by the Clerk. And Copies of London, Philadelphia & Long Island Epistles were sent down to Quarters. And the Clerk is Desired to furnish the Quarterly meetings with Copies of such minutes as are for their Observation.

A Certificate for our Friend John Lloyd, Signifying our Satisfaction with his Conduct in this meeting was approved of, Signed by the Clerk and Ordered to be read in our next Quarterly meeting.

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The Meeting having been favoured to part at this time under a solid frame in a good degree of love and Consolation, which we mention with thankfulness to the Adorable Name and leave it with you.

From our Yearly Meeting held at Newport on Rhode Island for New England by Adjournments from the 9th of 6th Mo. 1780 to the 12th of the same Inclusive

To our Friends & Brethren at their next yearly Meeting to be held at London

Dear Friends

Through divine Mercy we are again favoured with an opportunity to Meet together with our Friends of Rhode Island in Order to transact the weighty affairs of our Society, which we have been enabled to do in a good degree of Brotherly love & Condescension

Your Epistles to us & your Printed general Epistle of last year came duly to hand, both of which have been Read in this Meeting to our Comfort & Edification — It affords us particular satisfaction to perceive, that we still retain a place of remembrance with you, and as exercises of various kinds are permitted to fall on us in this day of Trials, we earnestly desire that our Epistolary Correspondence may continue, & you to Communicate such advice to us as best Wisdom may dictate — Notwithstanding the prevailing Commotions in the — and; we can with a degree of thankfulness say, hitherto the Lord hath helped us — Love & Unity is measurably maintained among us & our Christian Testimony against Wars & fighting hath prevailed to the Convincing divers, since our last

whom have been United with us in Membership since
last Year ——

The Subject of the virtuous Education of
our Children & Youth under the care of said Friends
hath met the general attention of this Meeting, and
we have recommended down to the several Monthly
& Quarterly Meetings to promote Schools therein according
and as the great declension from our Discipline in this
matter, hath Occasioned much difficulty in procuring
suitable Teachers, We have also Recommended a Subscription
to raise a perpetual Fund, out of the Interest or Income of
which a suitable School may be set up, for the Qualification
of our Youth of the Poor in Society, for that useful & necessary
Service, which we hope may meet the Approbation & Benevo-
lence of the Charitably disposed in Society; that thereby an Useful
& necessary Institution may become in time Established ——

Sufferings on Account of our Testimony against
War have been various & very considerable the last Year,
Some have been for a short time Imprisoned, and many
Destraints have been made for Taxes & other demands for
the Support of that Antichristian practice ——

—— With an affectionate Salutation of Brotherly love
We conclude Your Friends & Brethren ——

Signed in & on behalf of said Meeting by ——

Thomas Upsham Clk

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Our Yearly Meeting held for Sundry was began at the upper and lower meeting houses in Smithfield and at the Brick meeting house in Uxbridge for Worship the 4th day of the 6th month 1781 — but on the 5th began at Smithfield upon business for Church discipline — The Several Quarterly meetings being called the Representatives are —

For Rhode Island } Thomas Rice, Isaac Lawton, Thomas Hazard
William Hopper, John Chace 2d. Chas. Green
& Jacob Chace —

For Salem } Joseph Southwick, James Vial, Jacob Powell
Henry Howen, Jonathan Lane, Abner Hill —
Enoch Hoag & John Winslow —

For Dartmouth } Jeremiah Austin, Ebenezer Allen, Joseph Rogers
Richard Delano, John Cuffell, Joseph Wing —
Jeremiah Tripp Junr. Ebenezer King & Benj. Bowen —

The Friends who were not present, except Thomas Rice who being taken ill and Joseph Southwick, who we are informed was prevented

Our friend James Lawton, produced a Certificate from a monthly meeting held at Nine Partners in the Province of New York signed the 10th day of the 2 month last, mentioning their unity with his concern in paying a religious visit to these parts — and that his gift in the Ministry and Deportment is well approved of —

Also our friend Samuel Smith produced a Certificate from a monthly meeting held in Philadelphia by adjournment for the Northern District the 17th day of the 4th month last — approving of his concern to visit these parts and that his ministry was sound and acceptable —

Also Thomas Carpenter produced a Certificate from a monthly meeting held at the Peartree in Nottingham in Chester County Province of Pennsylvania the 12th day of 2 month 1781 — expressing unity with his concern to visit these parts, and that his Publick testimony was sound and edifying

Also Thomas Comstock presented a copy of a minute from a monthly meeting held at Oblong the 19th of the last month, expressing of his concern to visit this & some adjacent meetings, and that his service in the ministry should be edifying &c — all which were read to satisfaction.

Also William Tilbell, Supervisor, presented the following minute from a monthly meeting held the 10th inst.

Also Nathaniel Verney presented a copy of a minute from Oblong monthly meeting held the 19th last month, all which appeared to unite with this meeting and they were read to satisfaction.

The reports from the Quarterly meetings and the Queries with the answers thereto, were read.

Several friends coming in at this time their certificates were also read to satisfaction, and are as follows. One from a monthly meeting held at Creek in Kent County on Delaware, by adjournments the 28th & 29th days of the 4th month 1781 — signifying their unity with Warner Mifflin's religious concern to visit this yearly meeting and that he is useful there.

One from a monthly meeting held at Hardenfire in New Jersey the 5th day of the 4th month 1781, signifying their unity with Daniel Offley's concern to visit this meeting and that he is serviceable there.

One from a Monthly meeting of Nottingham in Cecil County, Maryland held the 31st of the 3d month 1781 — Signifying their concurrence with the concern of George Churchman to visit this meeting and that he is an approved Elder.

One certificate for Elizabeth Haight from a monthly held at the Nine Partners in the Province of New York the 10th last month, signifying their unity with her concern to attend this meeting, and that her gift in the ministry is well approved of was read to satisfaction.

This Meeting being in a good degree covered with a weighty sense of the necessity of a deep attention to the several Branches of our Christian Testimony, and of duly regarding the State of the Society in regard to the due maintenance thereof [illegible] appointed Daniel Hoxie, Thomas Thompson, Joseph Hopkins, Daniel Hoxie, Jun., Jonathan Hoxie, Jun., Nicholas Odell, Jonathan Thompson, Jun., Isaac Thompson, Jun., Joseph Hopkins, Jun., Nathan Hoxie, Jun., Joseph Thompson, Jun., Nathaniel Verney, Jun., Thomas Thompson, Jun., Nathaniel Verney, Jun., Thomas Thompson, Jun., Nathaniel Verney, Jun., Thomas

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Benjamin Smith, 2d Stephen Morrell, Abner Potter, Ebenezer Hazard, Silas Chase, Joseph Mitchell, and Jonathan Dane ... to make proper Inquiry and take into weighty Consideration such matters as they in wisdom may think best and propose to an adjournment of this meeting such things as may appear to them to be promotive of the Case and Testimony of Truth.

Received an Epistle from the Yearly meeting held at Philadelphia in the 5th month 1780. also one from the Yearly meeting held at Westbury on Long Island last month which were read to Satisfaction.

Thereupon the Friends [illegible] Hall, Jos. Hall, William [illegible], Jeremiah Hacker, John Wilson, Henry Rice [illegible] Island, Moses Mitchell, Jacob Lee, Thomas Lapham are ordered to attend the Quarterly meeting of Sandwich to be held the 18th inst. at the Yearly meeting and unite with the Friends appointed on the General matters and report to an adjournment of this meeting.

The meeting adjourns to the 2d hour to morrow afternoon.

9th day met by adjournment.

The Representatives being called were all present, and Thomas Lapham on their behalf nominated Thomas Lapham Clerk for the ensuing year, with which this meeting concurs.

Our Friends Thomas Arnold & John Pitcher produced a Certificate from a Monthly meeting of Friends in Chester County in Pennsylvania held by adjournment the 5th of the 11th month 1781. signifying their unity with their Conduct and Conversation except in these parts which was read to Satisfaction.

The general Printed Epistle from the yearly meeting of London last year was read to general Satisfaction. The same is ordered to be read in all the particularly meetings here to belonging.

The minutes and proceedings of the meeting for Sufferings in the last year were read this day and the meeting being well [illegible] reconciled for their [illegible] to bear the same in mind [illegible] the Case of the Sufferers [illegible]

11th Day met by adjournment. The Representatives being called were generally present.

The subject of the drawing for Assistance being opened for this meeting, and several friends expressing their sentiments thereon, It appears to the sense of this meeting, that the members hereof have in general manifested a willingness & disposition to the exercise in time, Therefore the members that [illegible] last year are continued (except Jeremiah Brown who being deceased) & Jeremiah Tobin appointed in his place, Duty to meet once a Quarter, and as much oftener as to them appears necessary and when met to proceed agreeable to the directions given at the first appointment of said meeting.

Daniel Anthony, Josiah Smith, Jeremiah Tobin Jun., & James Read, are appointed to inspect the state of the Treasury and settle Accts with the Treasurer, and propose a sum to be raised to supply the Treasury for the year Ensuing. And report to the Adjournment of this meeting which is adjourned, to the 2d hour to morrow afternoon.

12th day met by adjournment. The Repr. being called were all present, except Benjamin Barker who for Satisfactory reasons was excused.

Those of the Committee of the above being absent & unable to attend, appointed last year to visit Smithfield Quarter, have reported as ought and is as follows.

Agreeable to the appointment of the Yearly meeting, we have visited Smithfield Quarterly and two Monthly meetings, and friends of said meetings expressed that it was agreeable to them that Dartmouth, Nantucket & Smithfield monthly meetings, should be annexed to their Quarter, if the Yearly Meeting thought it best. We have also had a conference with Committees appointed from Dartmouth, Nantucket and Smithfield Monthly meetings respecting their being removed from Rhode Island Quarterly meeting and annexed to Sandwich, and found in them a disposition to be disposed of as the Yearly meeting should think best.

Jacob Mott
Jonathan Maig
Isaac Lawton

Many friends expressing their sense that it is concluded that Smithfield monthly meeting ought to be annexed to Sandwich Quarterly meeting. Therefore Thomas Hazard, Joseph Austin, Thos. Thornton, Wm. Brown, Stephen Arnold, Wm. Jones, Isaac Lawton, are appointed to confer with Smithfield Quarterly meeting & get that Quarterly meeting set with.

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and inform them of this conclusion, and see that this minute be entered on their minutes, as also to endeavour their meeting together in a right manner. And as the select yearly meeting have informed this meeting that Sandwich Quarterly meeting do not keep up a select meeting which information being really affecting. This Conf. are desired and directed to visit that Quarter, to revive their select meeting and carefully observe to send up regular and pertinent accounts to the Select yearly meeting of those matters, which it concerns the meeting to know, that so proper advice may be communicated as occasion may require. And to report to next yearly meeting

Said Conf. are also desired to visit the Island Quarter and consult with them upon the propriety of setting off Dartmouth and Dunkhett Monthly Meetings to stand with Quarter, and after seeking for the state of things to report their sense what may be best to do in that case to next yearly meeting.

And the Clerk is desired to send a copy of this minute to Sandwich Quarter, and Nantucket Monthly meetings. And Nantucket friends are desired to attend that Quarterly meeting from time to time as many of them as conveniently can.

The Com. appointed upon the general Matters of Society. Propose to the Consideration of this minute the following conclusion, as a minute, which being read several times and friends speaking their sense freely, It appears to meet the general Approbation of this meeting. Therefore It is approved of and is as follows.

"The Testimony of many friends in the nonpayment of Taxes part whereof goes for the support of War, coming under the consideration of this meeting it is our sense and judgment, that the several Monthly meetings collect accounts of the Sufferings of Friends, on account of said Testimony and send them up to the meeting for Sufferings, there to be recorded, after due inspection

one Quarterly meeting suffering under the payment of Taxes

in Friends Book of Sufferings, as our Brethren's Testimony for the Truth against the appropriation of any part thereof to the purposes of war, and it is recommended to friends that, Labouring to be preserved unbyassed therein, as to the powers which are or may be, they keep an Eye single to the Testimony of Truth against war and fighting" ——

Said Comtee also report their desire that it be recommended with the Epistle to each Quarter, that the men of Each Monthly meeting, act more in Conjunction with the women in case of receiving and disowning of their Members, hoping thereby to relieve the women, and to extend a more united care than has generally been the Case in this yearly meeting — And the meeting uniting with the proposals direct the Comtee to draw Epistles to insert some what of this nature, in those to our several Quarters, desiring them to turn their minds towards this weighty subject, in order that we may be ripened, and united at our next yearly meeting in what may be best if any thing to conclude upon as a rule of conduct for our Mens and womens meetings to observe in future in regard to uniting with and assisting each other ——

A Testimony from Smithfield monthly Meeting concerning our deceased friend Moses Harmon, having been read and approved by Rhode Island Quarterly meeting, was read in this meeting to good Satisfaction, and directed to be recorded in its proper place ——

The meeting adjourns to the 10 hour to morrow morning

13th and not by adjournment. The Representatives present that attended yesterday.

The Committee appointed report, which being read & approved is as follows, viz. Whereas a Legacy was bequeathed by the late Mr Thomas Rodman deceased to the Society of Friends in the Province of [illegible] for the benefit of the Yearly meeting which Legacy may be of great use to us for the ensuing year, Resolved it be left with the meeting for Sufferings when and whenever they see meet to be drawn on by the Treasurer of the

[illegible] former sum

12th 6th mo 1781 Sign'd on behalf of said Com'te by Samuel Lottery

A Testimony from Dartmouth Monthly meeting concerning our deceased friend Elisabeth Gidley having past the approbation of Rhode Island Quarter; was read in this meeting to Satisfaction and ordered to be recorded

Time the Select meeting to be held.

The Select Yearly meeting proposing to this meeting that the said Select meeting may begin for the future on fourth day at the 10th hour, in the week the Yearly meeting is to be held, accordingly it is approved of and directed to be held at that time.

And Salem Quarter in the 6th month is desired to be altered that their members may pay due attention. And the Clk is desired to send a Copy of this minute to each Quarterly meeting.

The Com'te appointed presented Essays of Epistles to London, Philadelphia & Long Island, which being read and corrected were approved of & Signed by the Clk and ordered to be recorded and Thomas Arnold is desired to Copy and forward the same.

Also Epistles to the Quarterly meetings were presented read corrected and approved of and Signed by the Clerk.

Certificates for our friends James Thornton, Samuel Smith, Thomas Carrington, George Churchman Warner Mifflin, David Cooper, Benedict Carpenter, Thomas Comstock and Elisabeth Height, were presented read and approved of and Signed by the Clerk. The same being directed to their several Monthly meetings.

The matter mentioned in the minute of the meeting for Sufferings respecting Bibles was considered, and the same is referred back to the care of that meeting. Friends correspond with the meeting for Sufferings in Philadelphia thereon, and procure them if may appear, as low as may be

The several friends who produced copies of minutes to this meeting, had the same entered & dorsements thereon, and Signed by the Clerk —

The meeting for Sufferings are desired to seasonably direct the proper place to hold the yearly meeting next year —

This Meeting having been favoured to transact the weighty affairs that came before it in a good degree of Love & Concession under a grateful Sense thereof We conclude this meeting — and adjourn to meet again next year, if the Lord permit —

At a Yearly Meeting held at Newport for New England the 11th of the 6th M. 1781 —

The Representatives are; for Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, Isaac Lawton, Wm. Mosher, David Sisson, David Sherman, Paul Green, Stephen Hoxsie, Ebenezer Chase & Ever Davis — For Salem were Wilson, Jeremiah Tucker Samuel Collins, Stephen Merrill, Daniel Howell, Jonathan Low & John Winslow — — For Sandwich, Jeremiah Austin, John Bailey Junr. Wm. Hatch, Joseph Wing, Jonathan Macy, Richard Williams, Joseph Rogers, Ebenezer Allen, John Russell & Daniel Hancock, who are all present except David Hoxie & Richard Delano, for whom no Excuse was sent up

The Clerk of this Meeting being absent by reason of Sickness the Representatives are desired to Convene & Nominate one for this Time when this Meeting is Appointed at the fourth Hour this afternoon, to which it is Adjourned —

Met by Adjournment — —

The Representatives all present except the two above mentioned

The Representatives have Nominated Thomas Arnold Clerk for this Year, which this Meeting concurs with —

Our Friend George Dillwyn produced a Certificate from a Monthly Meeting held at Burlington the 11th day of the 3rd Mo. 1782 signifying their Unity & Concurrence with his concern & was a Religious Visit & that he is in the Ministry is lively & well accepted among them

Also Our Friend Joseph Pearsall produced a Copy of a Minute of a Monthly Meeting held at Wilbury on long Island by Adjournment the 5th of the 4th Mo. 1782 signifying their Concurrence with his accompanying George Dillwin in his said Visit, he being a Member in good esteem with them ——— Our Friend Wm Jackson also produced a Certificate from the Western Monthly Meeting in Chester County Pennsylvania dated the 10th day of the 1st Mo. 1781 ——— also a few lines from said Monthly Meeting dated the 5th of the 2nd Mo. 1781 signifying that he is a Minister in good esteem among them, his life & conversation Sober & Exemplary and that they have Unity with him in his present Concern to pay a Religious Visit to Friends in these parts ——— All which were read in this Meeting to Satisfaction ——— A Copy of a Minute from a Monthly Meeting held at the Creek, in the Eastern District of Nine Partners 17th 3th Mo. 1782 On behalf of Joseph Thorn approving his attending this Meeting was Read to Satisfaction ——— This Meeting Adjourns to the 10th hour to Morrow

13th Day Met by Adjournment ———

The Representatives being called the same were present as yesterday ——— This Meeting Received Accounts from the several Quarterly Meetings with Answers to the Queries

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which were read in this Meeting & Sundry pertinent and
Useful remarks made thereon. Also Received Account
of the Sum of forty four pounds Eighteen Shillings & Seven
pence to be by the Quarterly Meetings

The Meeting for Sufferings having informed this
Meeting by Message that there are several matters concern
ment to the Society at large which they think necessary to come under
consideration of this Meeting; The general State of Society also being
weightily under Consideration & it appearing necessary that a more
particular enquiry & examination be made into the same, than can
conveniently be done in this Meeting; Whereupon Daniel Howland
Junr. Wm. Rotch, Isaac Lawton, James Davis, Jeremiah Austin,
Joshua Salsom, Jonathan Macy, Jeremiah Hacker, Stephen Merril,
Wm. Mosher, Philip Tripp, Benjamin Bassington, Moses Brown,
Ebenezer Allen, John Winslow, Ths. Hazard & George Comstock, are
Appointed to take the same under Serious Consideration, and to
prepare & Report to this Meeting such Business as to them shall
appear necessary to be Acted upon herein; from time to time
as it shall be ripened before them during the Sitting of this
Meeting — with whom the Company & attention of such Friends as
feel a concern thereto will be acceptable & approved by this meeting —

Received the Epistle from the Yearly Meeting held in London
the 6th Mo. 1781. Also One from the Yearly Meeting held in Phila
delphia in the 9th Mo. Also one from the Yearly Meeting held on
Long Island in the 5th Mo. this Year, all which were read in
this Meeting to good Satisfaction — And Job Scott,
Samuel Smith, Joseph Congdon, Jacob Mott, John Mitchell
Wm. Rotch Junr. Daniel Starbuck Jacob Chase, Jonathan Dove
Stephen Neal, Clarke Rodman & Wm. Macy are Appointed
to prepare Essays of Epistles to the aforesaid Meetings, acknowledging

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the Receipt of this; and also an Account or Epistle, if any given to the several Quarterly Meetings; to prepare Certificates for our Friends present from abroad upon a Religious Visit, and to make out Transcripts of the aforesaid Epistles, for each Quarterly Meeting Belonging to an Adjournment of this Meeting —

This Meeting Adjourn to the fourth hour this afternoon — Met by Adjournment

The Representatives being called the same are present as in the Morning —

The Printed general Epistle of the Yearly Meeting held in London last Year, was read in this Meeting; and the seasonable & Weighty Advices & Cautions contained therein having become the care of the Meeting for Sufferings to Republish here, Friends are desired to give serious attention thereunto —

The Minutes of the doings of the Meeting for Sufferings the Year past were read in this Meeting to good Satisfaction, it appearing they have in general paid diligent attention to the Service committed unto them — The Reappointing or adding a Number to said Meeting for Sufferings also came under consideration, but time being too far spent safely to issue a matter of so much importance at this Time, friends are desired to bear the same in mind, & this Meeting is adjourned to the 17th Instant at the 10th Hour in the Morning — 17th day Met by Adjournment —

The Representatives being called were mostly present some being absent on a Committee —

Jas

Testimonies concerning our Deceased Friends Adam Mott Paul, Russell & Hannah Gifford, given forth by the Monthly Meeting of Dartmouth & approved by Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting were read in this Meeting to Satisfaction & the same ordered to be Recorded. — —

The Committee appointed to visit Rhode Island & Sandwich Quarterly Meetings, now report in writing which is accepted & directed to be recorded as follows — of

We the Committe to visit Rhode Island & Sandwich Quarterly Meetings, have attended to the service recommended the Revival of the Select Meeting for Sandwich Quarter, to which there have been recommended & approved as Members thereof since last Year, and the Meeting has been favoured with the Company of Friends from Nantucket have paid attention to the Quarterly & Select Meetings & the Minute of the Yearly Meeting annexing them to Sandwich Quarter has been Minuted to be Recorded in the Quarterly Meeting Records — —

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting appears to have paid attention to the Subject of annexing Dartmouth & Seacoxet Monthly Meetings to Sandwich Quarter, and it appears to be the Sense of Rhode Island Quarter, that, altho' they freely give them up, yet those Monthly Meetings do not appear to be in a State Suitable, at present, to be usefully annexed to that Quarter; And it is our Sense & Judgment that it may be useful for the Yearly Meeting to Appoint a Solid Committee to visit Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, both by Meetings & such particular Meetings or Individuals as may appear useful to strengthen & assist them as Truth may enable, & also to visit Dartmouth & Seacoxet Monthly Meetings and

and endeavour to assist them in removing the difficulties that prevent their being usefully joined to Sandwich Quarterly, there appears a propriety in their being offered to the Rhode Island Quarterly meeting thereof, that they may manifest to the next Yearly Meeting their approbation —

To the Yearly Meeting in the Sixth Mo. 1782.

Mary Brown
Thos Hazard
Eber Chase
Isaac Lawton
Joseph Mitchell
Moses Brown

The Committee appointed to take into consideration the general State of Society, made Report in Writing which being several times read & weightily considered is approved & accepted, and the matters therein referred to the Meeting for Sufferings, are committed to their care;

the Report is as follows —

" Having met & considered what Business may be proper to come before the Yearly Meeting, agreable to Appointment, and finding the Matter from Sandwich respecting their Meetings being interrupted by disowned Members, in the matter of enlarging that Quarter will require a Committee, We are of Opinion that it will be useful to Appoint a Select Committee of the Yearly Meeting to take charge of them matters & also to visit each Quarterly, & Monthly Meeting, & as many Preparative Meetings, as may fall in their way, or may appear best; and also such Families or Individuals as occasion may require, to advise

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in that ability, which is the way for the Revival of the Spirit of Discipline in the minds of our Brethren Elders, & to afford them ye Assistance they may be enabled to put the same in practice, in the various branches of our Christian Testimony & endeavour for the removal of the many deficiencies mentioned in the Answers to the Queries, & generally to promote love & unity throughout the Society; We think best that the Titles of our Meeting Houses & Lands be Revised upon one Deed or Deeds more Safe & Secure than the form generally used, but appearing in several Instances to occasion difficulties; —

That the Yearly Meeting School be encouraged, as far as present Circumstances may admit, by each Monthly Meeting appointing Friends to receive Subscriptions in their own and send up to the Meeting for Sufferings —

That small Bibles be purchased in Philadelphia and larger ones be Imported when Money is furnished by the Meetings where wanted — which several matters may be left with the Meeting for Sufferings to take Charge of

The time & place for holding Salem Quarterly Meeting, as by them proposed, we concur with —

The matter Refered last Year respecting the Men & Women Meetings being United in Labour at Receiving & Disowning Members, we think well to continue. And it appearing to us that a Fameness or Oneness of Discipline, as near as may be, throughout the Continent of America, would add Strength to the practice & Exercise thereof & prevent that discouragement which sometimes is occasioned by different Practices in the Neighbouring Yearly Meetings, whereby the Service of

concerned Friends Travelling from our Yearly Meeting to another are sometimes hindered — We propose that the Yearly Meeting in their Epistle to the Yearly Meeting at Philadelphia & that at Westbury for New York Government, propose for their Consideration this Subject, that if it should appear to them useful they may Correspond with the other Yearly Meetings thereon, and give in their prospect next Year — which we submit to the Yearly Meeting —

Signed in behalf of the Committee by —

the 17th of the 6th Mo: 1782

Joshua Folsom —

Jonathan Macy

Agreeable thereto We Appoint Joseph Mitchell, Joshua Folsom, Isaac Lawton, Jonathan Lane, Job Scott, David Greene Hazil Brown Benjamin Buffington, Jeremiah Hacker, Rufus Smith, Jonathan Macy & Ozial Wilkinson for the several Eighty Services therein proposed to be entrusted with them, they to Report to our next Yearly Meeting; And Friends are desired every where throughout the Yearly Meeting, to join their endeavours, in the encouragement, of so great, and at this time necessary Work —

Rufus Smith Jethro Mitchel, Ebenezer Allen, Jeremiah Hacker, Daniel Anthony, Stephen Hazil & Daniel Smith are appointed to settle the Treasurers Accounts, to Report the State of the Treasury & what Sum will be Necessary to raise the Ensuing Year & make Report to an Adjournment of this Meeting — This Meeting Adjourns to the

4th hour this Afternoon

Met by Adjournment

The Committee to Audit the Treasurers Accounts
have made Report which is as follows

We have this day Audited the Treasurers Account
& find in his Hands the Sum of £89.13.4 and think the
Sum of 50 Pounds may be a suitable Sum to be Raised to
Supply the Yearly Meeting Stock the Year ensuing, with
directions to the Meeting for Sufferings to recommend a
further Sum if Needed

Ebenezer Aken

Signed on behalf of the Committee 17th 6th Mo. 1782 } by

And the several Quarterly Meetings are desired to
subscribe thereto in freedom & send up to the Treasurer an
Account thereof to the next Yearly Meeting

The Meeting for Suffering coming again under
Consideration & this Meeting being Sensible of the Arduous
and continued attention necessary to be given by those who
are Appointed to a Trust so laborious & important to Our
Society at this Time think best to dismiss the present
Members of that Meeting. — And appoint, Thos. Hazard,
Moses Brown, Joseph Mitchell, Jacob Mott, Isaac Lawton
Jeremiah Tucker, George Comstock, Thos. Aldrich, Samuel
Smith, Benjamin Arnold, Ebenr Chase, Jonathan Dame
Samuel Collins, Daniel Howland junr Thos. Arnold Exter
with such others as shall be appointed by the several Quarterly
Meetings not exceeding four by each Quarter to the place of
Members of said Meeting for Sufferings, Ten of whom & not less shall be

be sufficient to transact Business, who are hereby directed to
Meet once a Quarter as much oftener as to them appears necessary
& in other Respects to proceed in the discharge of that Trust
according to the directions given at the first Appointment &
Constituting of said Meeting ——

This Meeting Adjourns to the Tenth Hour to Morrow
Morning ——

Eighteenth day Met by Adjournment ——

The Committee appointed Reported Essays of Epistles to
London, Philadelphia, & Long Island and to the Several Quarterly
Meetings which were read, & after some alterations approved
& signed by the Clerk — Also the several Transcripts mentioned
in their Appointment, which were ordered to be Transmitted
to the Several Quarterly Meetings ——

They also produced Certificates for our Friends William
Jackson & George Dillwin, which were approved of & Signed by the
Clerk — Also Indorsements upon the Minutes produced by our
Friends Joseph Seward & Joseph Thorn, which were signed by the
Clerk — Also the Women sent in Certificates in behalf of our
Friends Sarah Hampton, & Indorsements upon the Minutes
produced by our Friends Anna Willis & Phebe Upton
which were Approved & signed by the Clerk ——

Moses Brown & Thos. Arnold are Appointed to
make out Extracts of the Minutes of this Meeting re-
questing the Committee to visit the Quarterly, Monthly
& Preparative Meetings, the Money to be raised & sent up,
and the Members to be Appointed for the Meeting for
Sufferings, also the Adjournment of this Meeting & forward
them to the Several Quarterly Meetings —

Also to Transcribe and forward the Epistles to
London, Philadelphia & Long Island —

This Meeting Adjourns to the fourth hour this afternoon ——— Met by Adjournment ———

The Queries Presented for Consideration & Approbation of this Meeting some Alterations of their Queries, which being read & considered they are approved of ——

This Meeting having been favoured to transact the weighty Concerns of Society which have come before it, in a good Degree of Brotherly Love & Condescension, a Sense whereof at this time being impress'd upon our minds with Gratitude to the great Master of our Assemblies, & desiring therein to depart & continue, We Adjourn this Meeting, to Meet again Next Year at this Place if the Lord permit —— The Select Meeting to begin at Portsmouth at the Eleventh hour in the Morning on 3th day — The Meeting for Worship at the 10th hour on Sixth day at Newport ———

Signed by Order of The Meeting ———

Vote the Epistle to London if Increase in 1792 — after in 1783 —

At our Yearly Meeting began at Newport on Rhode Island for New England the 13th of the 6th mo. 1783, at the 10th hour in the morning for worship & the 3d afternoon for Discipline. The Meeting being convened the Representatives from the Quarterly Meetings were [illegible] Samuel, Gould Marsh, Benjamin Arnold, John Lawton, Samuel Smith, Daniel Anthony, Thomas Aldrich, [illegible] of Philadelphia, Thomas Adams, Jeremiah Hacker, Jonathan Davis, Nathan Breed, John Cole, Timothy Rodman, John Windsor, Joshua Gorton, Jonathan Hoag, Jethro Mitchell, Jeremiah Austin, Richard Dole, John Barnard Robinson, Joseph Rogers, John King Jun. Joseph King & John Russell, who being called are all present except Wm. Hodgson, John King Jun. & Joseph King: for whom excuses were sent [illegible]

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the one from John King Jun^r being to Satisfaction, and the Representatives are desired to inform Rhoda Shearman, that Phillip Tissick did not attend this Meeting, & that his Excuse was not to Satisfaction: Also to inform Sandwich Quarterly Meeting did not attend this Meeting.

Our Friend Richard Titus Attended this Meeting, and produced a Copy of a minute of a Monthly meeting held at Westbury the 4th of the 6th mo. 1783. Signifying their unity with his concern to attend this Meeting; Also Robert Nisbet attended this Meeting & produced a Certificate from a Monthly Meeting held at Post Mosock the 12th of the 12th mo. 1782. Signifying their unity with his concern to pay a Religious visit to Friends in New England Also Edmund Post as Companion to Richard Titus attended this Meeting & produced a ~~Copy~~ Copy of a minute from said monthly Meeting held at Westbury, approving his being here as aforesaid, which were read in this Meeting to Satisfaction.

Our Friends William Rotch, Joseph Mitchel, Uzal Wilkins, Joshua Folsom, David Buffum, John Winslow, Moses Bessington, Jonathan Dunn, Richard Delano Ebenezer Davis, James Davis Jun^r, Brown, are Appointed, a Committee in Conjunction with the Friends Appointed by the Womens Meeting to take into consideration the general State of our Society within this Quarterly Meeting to Visit & inquire such particular matters as may come to their View, and appear necessary to some wider consideration in this meeting as business, and make report thereof from time to time during the sittings of this Meeting, as the same shall be found.

This Meeting adjourns to the 11th hour to morrow.

Fourth day met by Adjournment.

The Representatives being called the same were present as yesterday.

The united General Epistle from the Yearly Meeting held in London, the 5th mo. 1782 was read

and read in this Meting. containing much Seasonable Counsel and advice, which it is desired may be so Received & attended to, as that the good fruits thereof may be manifest in our lives & Conversation.

The Committee Appointed last year to visit the several Quarterly, Monthly & preparative Metings, make report in writing as follows

We your Committee appointed to visit the several Quarterly, Monthly Metings &c. have most of us paid some attention to our appointment, and proceeded as far in the Service, as that three of the Metings have been visited as follows — viz.

Salem Monthly Meting held at Lynn was visited the 11th of 9th mo. 82. by Twelve of the Committee

Hampton N.H. Meting at Amesbury the 13th & 14th of twelve

Dover N.H. by Meting the 17th & 18th of twelve

Falmouth Dist. by Meting the 20th by Ten

Salem Quarterly Meting at Falmouth the 21st & 23d of ten

Some of us also visited several preparative Metings as well as Families & individuals in the verge of Salem Quarterly Meting, which Services as well as those in the larger Metings were attended with close labour & exercise, in order to impress a sense of the necessity of maintaining our Christian Discipline & abiding in the Spirit & exercise of sound judgment over the head of the temptations in all.

Pembroke N.H. by Meting was visited the 4th of 10th mo. by

Sandwich Quarterly Meting at Pembroke the 5th & 6th by Fifteen

Sandwich Monthly Meting at Long Plain the 8th by fifteen.

It appears to us after visiting the above Metings in Sandwich Quarter, & upon weighty conference with divers friends there, that altho their weak state & interruption by disorderly members, to a degree continues yet we hope it is growing somewhat better

And in regard to Amesbury Falmouth & Dover Monthly

Meetings to the Quarter considering the present State of the
two Quarterly Meetings we are of Opinion, it had better be referd
for further consideration.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting at Dartmouth was visited
on the 10th of 11th & 12th days by Eighteen of Committee —
Smithfield Quarterly Meeting on the 27th & 28th of 3 month 1773 by
and Rhode Island M.y Meeting the 3. of 4th M.o by eleven. —

On the whole we have reason to believe the above Labours
vested in that Ability which Truth gave, were of some service,
at least in some of the above mentioned visits: And think as
the Work is not yet fully Accomplished, that a Continuation
of the like care in the Yearly Meeting, and a like visit to
some said friends to the Remaining Meetings (and more Lib.y to
some of the same) may be useful. —

With which all the above Report, we submit to your consideration

Signed in behalf of the Committee by —

Joshua Folsom
Isaac Lanton
Mary Mitchell
Patience Brayton

1st. 6 m.o 1782

Whereupon it appears that most of them have paid Attention to
that service to the satisfaction of this Meeting as far as they have
gone, but as they have not been able fully to Accomplish the same
for which they were appointed, said Committee is still continued
to accomplish the same; & to repeat their visits to such parts as to
them appears necessary & as way opens. And Daniel Wilbor,
William Hatch, Reuben Mead, Timothy Barnes, John Hinson,
Thomas Lazard, Jacob Mott, Jeremiah Austin & Thomas Arnold
are added to said Committee, who together with such as may be
appointed by the Womens Meeting are desired to unite with said
Committee therein — And they are likewise requested to take into con-
sideration the manner of holding the several Quarterly Meetings

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belonging & give their Advice thereon in their Report to our next
Yearly Meeting

This Meeting adjourns to the 3 hour this Afternoon

The by Adjournment

The Representatives being Called, are all present as in the Morning.
The Representatives from the several Quarterly Meetings have nominated Samuel Redman Clerk to this Meeting this Year And he is Appointed Accordingly.

Written Epistles from the Yearly Meeting of London dated 3rd 9th. from Philadelphia for Pennsylvania New Jersey & the Western parts of Maryland & Virginia, dated 9th 1st. and from Shelter Island on Long Island for the Province of New York dated 5th. 1st. directed to this Meeting were all read & our satisfaction & Comfort

The Epistles with Answers thereto from the several Yearly Meetings were read in this Meeting, and many judicious remarks made upon & the State of Truth as Covered under them, were known, which we generally hope during time to general edification

Isaac Hacker Thomas Green, David Green, Thomas Arnold, John Barker, Caleb Green, Jos. Hill, William Rotch, Samuel Smith, Jeremiah Austin jun. Clarke Redman, Daniel Rowland & Isaac Chase, are Appointed to prepare Copys of Epistles to the Yearly Meetings of London, Philadelphia, Westbury on Long Island, as well as to the several Quarterly Meetings thereto belonging, and to prepare Transcripts of the London, Philadelphia & Westbury Yearly Meeting Epistles to be forwarded to the said Quarterly Meetings being then to an adjournment of this Meeting

Rhode Island Quarter requesting our Advice with regard to holding that Meeting. Whereupon the Aforesaid Jonathan Arnold, John Reynolds, Isaac Southwick, Obed Dennis, Stephen Merrit, John Hill, William Rotch jun. Isaac Lee, Benjamin Chase, John Anthony, Richard Bird, Edward Pearce & Samuel Gould, to take the matter into consideration & report

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to be under the Treasurers Acco.t Credit upon a Sum not yet
to be raised for the Yearly Meeting Stock the year insuing, and
make report of their proceedings to the Adjournment of this Meeting.

This Meeting Adjourns to the 10.th hour on Second day next the
16.th Instant.

16.th day met by adjournment.

The Representatives being called on all present that attended the
former sittings of this Meeting except a few absent upon Committees

It being represented to this Meeting that since Nantucket
Monthly Meeting hath been ordered to Shoreham Quarter &
Quarterly Meeting hath been held upon that Island at the same
time that their Yearly Meeting used to be held at that place, Whu
long in regard of expenses may be adequate to the end intended by
the institution of that Meeting — It is Concluded that that
Yearly Meeting be discontinued.

The Committee appointed with respect to the manner
of holding the Second Quarterly Meeting for the year insuing &
to Audit the Treasurers Acco.t make report, that it is their judgment
that it will be best to hold that Quarterly Meeting, next 7.th month at
Sandwich two Meeting houses, 10.th Month at Dartmouth, 1.st Mo
at Tiverton 3.d 4.th Month at Greenwich, at the time in each Month it hath
usually been held — That they find in the Treasury £27.13.6, and
think that the Sum of £130 is necessary to be recommended to the
several Quarterly Meetings, as a supply for the Treasury the
year insuing, which is Approved of — And the Representatives for
the several Quarters having taken it into consideration have agreed
that it should be raised & forwarded to the Yearly Meeting as
hereto, in manner following Viz.t

Rhode Island Quarter	£	35.10	
Salem do		37.10	130 —
Sandwich do		37 —	

The Yearly Meeting for Sufferings are directed to Call upon the
several Quarterly Meetings for further Sum if it appears
necessary —

Capt. Comstock having moved in Meeting as Treasurer for several years to be subjected to new Accounts &c. as is therein mentioned & Capt. Green for Providence appointed in that place, who is desired to receive the ballance of — £ 1 — 0 — 0 in hands of the former treasurer ——

In Order in the Case from Salem Quarterly Meeting mentioned that Peter Bolgden signified his intention of Appealing from the Judgment of that Meeting to this, & appointed John Oaks, Jonathan Pomeroy, Sam. Collins & Committee to prosecute the matter. But as no Appearing to prosecute his Appeal that matter is dismissed, unless he shall Appear before the Close of this Meeting & render sufficient Reason for his Non appearance at this day, agreeable to the Discipline & Order to Appeals ——

A record of the doings of this Meeting for Inspection in the year 1760 was read in this Meeting & the same was approved of in the several matters that have come before them in every conspicuous & generally satisfactory Manner ——

This Meeting adjourns to the 3d hour this afternoon ——

Met in Adjournment

The Representatives being called are all present that attended the former sittings, except some absent upon Necessities ——

This Meeting Adjourns to the 8th hour to morrow ——

5th day met by Adjournment

The Representatives being called are all present that have heretofore attended ——

The Committee appointed to take into consideration the general State of our Society made report which being read & maturely considered, the same was approved of by this Meeting, which being presented to the Womens Meeting met with their Approbation. Is as follows Viz.

The Select Committee to consider of what may be proper to lay before the Yearly Meeting &c. assembled, having several times met report as follows ——

We Recommend the following practice —

When any person requests the care of Friends, & when any Friend is taken under dealing in any Monthly Meeting, such Meeting when there is no Quarterly Meeting in their Verge to care for their sympathy & help if they think it best, and when the meeting in which application is made, or in which the Friend may be under dealing are about to move, before it discern the persons under the dealings to be ripened therewith And the Conclusions of many manifested before the conclusion be entered: And when the Approbation of both Mo & Quarterly Meetings be obtained, the same be entered in their respective Minutes; And it is advised that Women be admitted into Meeting in their Monthly & Quarterly Meetings with their assistance & care when it appears useful so to, whether expressly desired or not; And that Testimonies of Denial be made & approved in both Meetings before the same be signed —

We also recommend that Salem & Sandwich Quarterly Meetings appoint a solid judicious Committee to visit their Members who have held & manumitted Slaves as also those so manumitted, And to labour & see a proper & equitable settlement made of Matters relative to outward Interest, between them, And also to advise and encourage them who have been held as Slaves in a Religious and Christian life A case of this sort having taken place in Rhode Island Meeting affording general Satisfaction We may hope, that the other Quarters will speedily unite their care & labour in so just & necessary a work — And it is desired that Nine and Eleven will communicate their Labour till the work be perfected —

It has been a practice of a general Discipline taking place with us to appoint a Committee of Women to visit once in the year the Meetings of Women Friends & to report to the Yearly Meeting —

Upon Consideration the complaint seems often owing to the Indulgence
of sufferings. It is our Judgment that an Addition of the following
Clause be annexed to the Rules of Discipline, viz. "It is the judgment of this Committee that it may be useful to
read all Testimonies of Denial in a public Meeting except the Monthly
Meetings concerned the Person or persons disowned & also those Persons
who shall not have been Members among Friends or
Those not of our Society, evidence is made appear to the Satisfaction
of the Monthly Meeting, such publication may be expedient in
the Cause of Truth — And further that Testimonies given
forward to be published at the discretion of the Monthly Meetings
how duly observing the Discipline ——

2d Notwithstanding our Discipline of a second more in the pre-
sence of 20 Friends, that Ministers & Elders of each Particular Meeting
may meet in their Monthly Meetings to read & discuss the Queries &c
from the present State of some Monthly Meetings, it is our judg-
ment that it may be more useful in some particular Instances
Cases that the Elders Members of two or more Particular Meetings
unite in holding a Meeting — and that no Monthly Meeting
in such Cases have Liberty to direct such a proceeding when they
see it necessary) ——

3d It is Recommended to the Committee Appointed to visit the Sev-
eral & Monthly Meetings, that not less than five of their number
proceed on that service together, and when any difficulties attend
any of the Monthly Meetings respecting their disposition
to discipline or retaining their members or their proper
Mode of business, under the influence of Love, to give
such Advice as may tend to promote the Cause of Truth among
Brethren & Sisters & with the Blessing of Divine Wisdom
& pray due Attention to the advice given by them ——

4th It is advised that each Monthly Meeting appoint a
judicious Committee, as a School Committee, whose care should be

[illegible] together [illegible] as [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] friends in [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible]
and to advise [illegible] on the [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] friends to send their Children [illegible]

And it is our advice that no friend after the present contracts expire, send their Children to any other School, but such as are kept by a member of our Society, And under the regulation of friends, unless the particular circumstances [illegible]
[illegible] And particularly the School Committee of friends every where throughout the Yearly Meeting are desired to pay [illegible]
[illegible] as poor as they, that they may have an Education as to fit them for Business — And this Meeting desires an Account may be sent up to the next yearly Meeting of the progress of friends in this important [illegible]

Signed by order & on behalf of the Committee — by Wm Rotch & Elizabeth Tuckey

This Meeting adjourned to the 3d hour this afternoon

At a Adjournment,

The representatives then called are all present as in the Morning

This Meeting resuming the consideration of the Meeting for Sufferings and being generally impressed with a sense of the attention & the Business that came before them last Year, do think fit to continue the present members of said Meeting for Sufferings — And agreable to the recommendation of the committee upon the minute that appears to be upon the minutes of this Meeting, that Meeting, Joshua Tolson, John Tabor, Paul King, Jonah Potter, Levi Hussey, Father Slocum, who are requested to meet as directed in the minute of said Meeting for Sufferings last Year, And they are desired to pay particular attention to the Subject of Schools —

the matter of revising the Discipline be referred to the Members of the Committee upon the General State of Friends appointed & that committed to the care of said Meeting for Sufferings with such Women Friends as may be Appointed, by the Women Meeting And to make report of their progress thereon to our Yearly Meeting

The Committee appointed produced Copies of Epistles, directed to the London, Philadelphia & Long Island Yearly Meetings. And to the several Quarterly Meetings belonging to this Meeting, which were read, and after some alterations approved & signed by the Clerk. — Also the several Travellers mentioned in their appointment which were ordered to be forwarded to the several Quarterly Meetings. — Also a number of Certificates, for our Friends Richard Ellis Esther Robinson & Phebe Hicks directed to their several Monthly Meetings which were read Approved & signed by the Clerk —

David Evans, Elias Hicks, Nathan Hedman & Jacob Mott are appointed to make extracts of such minutes of this Meeting as appear to have marginal notes & forward them to the several Quarterly Meetings —

William Hicks is desired to forward the minutes to Philadelphia & Long Island Epistles to their respective Yearly Meetings.

This Meeting having concluded to finish the business that came before it with a good degree of unity Concord, Doing measures directed forward, with a view of meeting at this time, with gratitude to the Lord for favors to us extended, & adjourn this Meeting to meet again with the Lords permission, next year at this place in order. Meeting to begin at 8 o'clock in the morning & 3d day, &c. Meeting to begin at the Tenth hour on Sixth day at Newport —

Signed in behalf of s.d

Meeting — by Samuel Hedman Clerk

this Year

From our Yearly Meeting held at Newport on Rhode Island for New England from the 13th of the 6th Mo. 1783 to the 17th of the same inclusive

To the Yearly Meeting your Friends and Brethren in London

Dear Friends

We your Ancient Yearly Meeting Love is Large & Ancient and we have been mercifully favoured to continue the important testimony the Truth in a good degree of Brotherly care and Concern.

We received your Epistle of the 5th Mo. 1782. as also the Printed general Epistle which have been read in this Meeting to our edification and comfort, and the Epistolary advices therein contained have been recommended and communicated to our several Quarterly Meetings.

Your non reception of our Epistle of 1781 is to be supposed by reason of some obstruction in the Conveyance there being a triplicate of the same sent forward

And dear Friends we think it our indispensable duty to renew our brotherly affection & sympathizing concern for you in our present situation hoping that with you may tend to our refinement & growth in the Truth and that we [illegible]

[illegible] to [illegible] of stumbling to their Brethren —

[illegible] from our Yearly Meeting
[illegible] informed that Love & unity are
[illegible] amongst us, & that we steadily support
& maintain our Christian Testimony against War and
Bloodshed, & faithfully suffering the distress of their
goods, rather than contribute to the support of
the Laws of Strife & righteousness —

The Situation of those who have been holden in
Slavery amongst us appears to have taken the atten-
tion of Friends in those parts, who are not satisfied with
only setting them at liberty; but appear concerned that they
should be fitted with for their past service, towards
justice & equity, and to endeavour to impress on their minds
the necessity of attending to the principles of righteousness.

There appears to be [illegible] to the Society,
since our last Account —

The Sufferings of Friends since our Yearly Meeting,
& the Charges we have been to believe have been accurately
stated and may be laid before this Meeting, no particulars
can be transmitted —

With our fervent desires for your Welfare, We are your
Friends & Brethren —

Signed in & on behalf of our said Meeting

By — Samuel Rodman, Clerk

the 4th day of the 6th Month —

Dear Friends — We have gratefully to acknowledge the receipt of your kind epistle of the 6th Mo. 1781, came duly to hand, and was Read in this Meeting to satisfaction. The advices therein contained were acceptable, and we are desirous of profiting thereby —

The receipt of your Printed general Epistle which was read for acceptance, and the same having some time past received the closing, for copying, was by them thought best to be reprinted, which accordingly was done, and the printed copies have been distributed among our Friends, throughout our Quarterly Meeting —

It is a matter of encouragement to find by your Written Epistle that we have a place in remembrance in your hearts and that our Sufferings on account of the Testimony against War excites your Christian sympathy, more especially as this Testimony seems rather declining among the youth & there appearing to have a confidence in some people respecting the payment of Taxes, &c. &c. &c. & their, and tho' we are desirous all may act from principle of true Conviction; yet as there is a time of doubtfulness and wavering, even in minds where a right concern is raised, we believe such sympathetic communications from our dear Friends abroad, may greatly tend to strengthen the feeble minds, to a perseverance in the line of their appointment —

There continues to be some addition by convincement from time to time, to our religious Society, but we are sorry to find, by sincere, as also among the young people in our Society, appears to have

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[illegible] with a warm [illegible] and tender [illegible] should [illegible]
[illegible] exercising ourselves [illegible] that
they may know & improve in us for themselves the saving
influences of divine love and we hope they may be so watched
as to hold out to the end to their own unspeakable satisfaction,
& every-where to others; which we just mention, to the encouragement
of the dear youth among friends, in your city that they
having a living desire that the offspring of friends may
be [illegible] to know the necessity of knowing the God of their fathers &
themselves & serving him with a perfect heart, & not be content with
being called the children of Abraham, but be concerned to walk
in the steps of Abraham, & follow his faith, by having their affections
[illegible] & their enjoyments, which the first Birth-worthy [illegible]
passed the mind to the pursuit of, and offer up all even though
comparable to a dear [illegible] beloved son, in sacrifice of [illegible]
feelings, as the right it is to reign in our hearts without a rival

Upon account of the establishment of [illegible] among people
encouragement, and that the more [illegible] the establishment
among us, we not be favored with that charity, this [illegible]
did, in some degree owing to want of ability in those professing truth
yet we hope your benevolent example will have an influence
with us and that in time such schools may be set up, and established
and support the same, meanwhile friends are concerned that
our youth, should be more & more instructed by [illegible] virtuous
and a good degree of success attended our endeavours. ——

We know not but all the Members of this Meeting are clear
[illegible] practice of holding or dealing with Slaves. ——

We again affectionately salute you & remain

Your Friends & Brethren ——

Signed in & on behalf of Said Meeting

By ——

Thomas Arnold Jun.r

for this Year ——

1784.

At our Yearly meeting began at Newport on Rhode Island for New England the 11th of the 6th month 1784. at the 10th hour in the Forenoon for worship, and at the 3 in the afternoon for Discipline.

The Meeting being convened, the Representatives appointed by the Quarterly Meetings, — are

For — Rhodeisland, Jacob Mott, Thos. Hazard, Levi Hunt, George Comstock, Abner Potter, Isaac Lawton
Salem, John Taber, John Wanton, John Wanton, Elijah Jenkins, Jeremiah Hacker, Joshua Folsom, Edw. Southwick
Sandwich, John Russell, Ebenezer Allen, John Bailey, Asapa Rogers, Hezekiah Starbuck, Wm. Macy — who being called are all present, except Elijah Jenkins and John Bailey, for whom excuses were given, for their absence.

Our Friend David Sands attended this Meeting and produced a Certificate from the Creek monthly meeting in the Newport dated the 21st of the 5mo 1784.

Also our Friend Siddeman Hull attended this Meeting, and produced a Certificate from said Creek Monthly meeting, dated the 21st of 5th 1784.

Also our Friend Samuel Hopkins attended this Meeting and produced a Copy of a minute of a monthly meeting held at the Bank meeting house in Philadelphia for the Northern District dated the 25 of 5mo 1784. also our Friend Thomas Scattergood attended this meeting & produced a Certificate from said Monthly meeting in Philadelphia dated 25th 5mo 1784.

Also our Friend John Willis attended this Meeting, and produced a Certificate from a Monthly meeting held at Westbury on Long Island dated the 26 of the 5th month 1784.

Also our Friend David Willis attended this Meeting & produced a Certificate from said Monthly meeting held at Westbury on Long Island dated 26th of the 5th month 1784.

All which Certificates and Minutes are read in this Meeting to good satisfaction, whereby it appears to this Meeting, that the Friends herein named are in Unity at home, their public service in the Ministry approved of; as also their concern to attend this Meeting.

Also our Friend Jacob Willis attended this Meeting and produced a Copy of a Minute of said Westbury Monthly meeting dated

dated the 26th of 5mo 1784.

Also our Friend Adam Holl Junr attended this Meeting and produced a Copy of a minute of said Monthly meeting held at Westbury, dated the 26th of 5mo aforesd which were read in this meeting to good satisfaction, whereby it appears they are Members in unity, and their present visit in attending this Meeting approved of.

Also our Friend Joseph Willets attended this Meeting and produced a Copy of a minute of a Monthly meeting held at Westbury aforesd dated the 26th of 5 month 1784 signifying, that he is a Friend in good esteem, and that they approve of his attending our Friend John Willis, in his religious visit to Friends in New England, — which was read in this Meeting to good satisfaction.

Our Friends William Burpum, Thomas Hazard, John Reynolds, Jonathan Lame, Moses Brown, Caleb Greene, Jacob Willson Rotch, Benja Bufington, Jeremiah Hacker, Joshua Folsom, John Taber, Simeon Perry, Isaac Lawton, Rufus Smith, Daniel Newhall, Hezekiah Starbuck, Ebenezer Allen, are appointed to take into consideration the general state of Society, and make report from time to time during the sittings of this Meeting, of such matters as appear necessary and proper to be acted upon as business.

This Meeting adjourns to the 10th hour tomorrow morning 12th Day. Met by adjournment

The Representatives being called were all present that attended yesterday, and John Bailey attended at this time.

The Representatives nominated Caleb Greene 2d as Clerk to the Meeting this Year, which being satisfactory he is appointed accordingly.

The Friends appointed last year to make extracts of sundry minutes of this Meeting as appeared to have many errors and forward them to the several Quarterly meetings, Report that they accomplished the same.

William Rotch in behalf this Meeting that he, [illegible] to the London Philadelphia & Rhode Island Circulars to the re-

1784 respecting Quarte meetings as desired last year.

The Queries with answers thereto from the several Quarters in their accounts were read in this meeting, and some judicious remarks made thereon, which we fervently desire may still tend to stir up a more diligent attention to duty.

A Printed General Epistle from the Yearly meeting of London, and the following written ones, viz. one from the same Yearly meeting, one from Philadelphia for Pensylvania & New Jersey & the western parts of Maryland and Virginia dated 10 month 1783. and one from Westbury on Long-island dated 5th month 1784. were all read in this Meeting to satisfaction and comfort.

Daniel Howland jun. Thomas Arnold, William Hacey, David Greene, William Olney, Daniel Starbuck, Robert Mead, Moses Sleeper, Edward Southwick, Nathan Breed, William Rotch jun. Clark Rodman, George Comstock, are appointed to prepare Essays of Epistles to the Yearly meetings of London, Philadelphia and Westbury on Long island, as well as to the several Quarterly meetings hereto belonging, and to prepare Answers from those now received, to be forwarded to the several Quarterly meetings, and endorse the Friends Certificates, that a Meeting, and bring those papers and writing to an adjournment of this Meeting.

John Howland, Ebenezer Spencer, Richard Delano, John Winsion, Pethro Mitchel & James Needham, are appointed to audit the Treasurer's accounts, and conclude upon a sum to be raised for the Yearly meeting's stock for the year ensuing, and to report of their proceedings, to an adjournment of this Meeting.

This Meeting is adjourned to the 3 hour this afternoon.

Met by adjournment.

The Representatives being called are all present that were before, except some absent on a Committee.

The Committee continued and added to last year for visiting the several Meetings hereto belonging, make the following report in writing viz.

"We your Committee to visit the several Quarterly & Monthly meetings, &c. have most of us attended to that service and visited all the Quarterly Meetings & most of the Monthly meetings

and laboured in that ability afforded. We find the inter-
ruption of our Meetings in our Meeting houses, ~~xxxxx~~
~~xxxxx~~ in Sandwich Quarter by those who hold seperate
Meetings there, with the other Circumstances attending, are
upon the whole, much the same as last year; so that we think
an addition from Rhode island Quarter would be useful, provided
Dartmouth & Acoaxet Monthly meetings could find themselves
engaged to unite with that Quarter; but as we find that is
not the case at present we think it may be as well to drop
the matter of making an addition, until a more favorable opportunity
presents; recommending those two Meetings to endeavour after such
a state as may effect the desirable purpose of strengthening that
Quarterly meeting by their union with them, which we hope in time
may be happily effected.

We have Considered the holding the several Quarterly
meetings belonging to this Meeting, and recommend the holding
them as follows, viz.

Rhodeisland Quarter to be held on the same day in the month
as heretofore, that is the 5th day before the Second sixth day of
the following months,

1st, — Smithfield upper Meeting house in the 5th month,
Nathan 2nd Swansey in the 1st month,
— Greenwich, in the 4th month,

Salem Quarterly meeting

1st — Falmouth, the 2nd day before the 1st — 1st day in the 9th
— Dover, — 7th day before the 1st — 1st day in the 12th
— Hampton, 7th day before the 1st — 1st day in the 3d
Salem, the 1st — 6th day in the 6th month,

Sandwich Quarter

1st Nantucket the 5th day after the 4th 6th day in the 6th
Long Plain the 1st day before the 2d 1st day in 10th
Falmouth, the 2nd day after the first 1st day in the
8th month,
Sandwich, the 2nd day, before the last 1st day in the
3 month,

and as no Meetings for worship are held on the first day of the
Quarterly meetings in Salem Quarter preceding these appointments
on

1784 business we recommend their holding such a Meeting agreeable to the practice of the other Quarterly meetings, all which we submit to this Meeting. Signed by order and on behalf of said Committee

12th of 6mo 1784.— Thos. Hazard
Catharine Almy

which report is accepted, and the manner of holding the Quarterly meetings in future as therein recommended with such other matters as may be necessary for the respective Quarterly & monthly meetings is directed to be sent down to them respectively.—

The Records of the doings of this Meeting for Sufferings last year was read in this Meeting, whereby their care and attention to the several weighty matters coming before them, is conspicuous, and is to our approbation & satisfaction, the same Friends are continued under that appointment.

This Meeting is adjourned to the 10th hour, on Second day next 14th Instant.

Fourteenth day, met by adjournment,

The Representatives being called were all present that have heretofore attended.—

The Committee to take into Consideration the General state of Society, make the following report, viz.

"We your Committee appointed to consider of the State of Society, do recommend the following advices to be communicated to the Quarterly meetings, viz.

(1) The excessive use of Spirituous Liquors of all kinds having for a long time been seen by our Society, to be a practice tending to lead from calmness and innocence to the many evils which are the consequences of intemperance, and a concern having been entered into for the spreading of this sentiment not only to the discontinuance of distilled spirituous liquors amongst us except as Medicines but that others who may by our example be encouraged to refrain the use of them, we recommend to all Quarterly meetings to look at the matters being concerned with care, and to proceed in dealing with all such as may

[illegible]

[illegible] to others, who from hence, may have appointed a time and inclination after it [illegible] to their hurt: we therefore advise [illegible] as are concerned therein to enter down to the principle leading
of universal righteousness, and as we apprehend a continuance in such practices, will in this day of light weaken the hands not only of those individuals concerned to [illegible] the reformation but tend greatly to obstruct society from coming up a Standard and to this important Testimony, as becomes our holy profession.

We entreat therefore those who have been well and made advances in the way towards this our Peace, that as soon as may be they forbear the said practices that a time may in due time be drawn and the standard raised and spread to the Nations.

And as Concern has arose that we be preserved in a prayful sense of the Lords favour to be shed and peace proclaimed among the Nations we desire Friends to remember the Epistles above mind your calling Brethren and where any may err in any respect or walking different from what they had been brought up in, or accustomed to that they endeavour to find the liberty of the truth and the Unity of Friends before they engage therein, and we also recommend to those concerned in Trade and business of every kind, that they have an eye to the preservation of our Testimony in every branch, so that by the Unity of the Body may be preserved and an enlargement of the Borders of individuals witnessed.

14th of the 6th month 1784.

Signed in behalf of the Committee by Thos. Morgan

which is accepted and the said advices are recommended to the practical observance of Friends accordingly

The Committee appointed to audit the Treasurers accounts Report, that they find £71.15.6 in the Treasury and [illegible] Salem Quarter and that the sum of £15 [illegible] for the year ensuing for the [illegible] meeting

This Meeting is adjourned to half an hour after the third this afternoon

Sat by adjournment.

The Representatives have with a new allowance as heretofore.

The Treasurer's have appointed the £150 ordered to be raised, & to be paid, viz. this Sum in the following manner,

Rhodeisland £82-10-

Salem 37-10.

Sandwich 30-- £150.- the Treasurer is desired to collect the same and forward as soon as may be to the Treasurer of this Yearly Meeting and an account thereof to accompany such money, and Dover Quarter is likewise desired to forward the Sum deficient of last years proportion.

Josiah Lee Peter Clark Rodman & Thos Brown & Caleb Greene, are appointed to collect all the Books and Papers belonging to this Meeting, that can be found, and inform the next Yearly Meeting respecting them.

This Meeting not having received accounts of the proceedings of the several Quarterly meetings in respect to an equitable settlement with those heretofore held in Slavery it is therefore desired that the accounts be sent up next year in the mean time Friends are desired to continue their care in that respect and where any Friends refuse to comply with the advice of the Quarterly meetings Committee they report such case or cases to the next Quarterly meeting the person so refusing belongs to and the several monthly meetings are advised to deal tenderly with such Friends and labour to convince them it is their duty to comply with the advice of making an equitable settlement; and in case of persisting in their refusal to comply with the advice of the Quarterly meeting also that they after such tender care and labour with them as disorderly walkers.

The Friends appointed presented Copies of Epistles to our Yearly Meetings London Philadelphia New York & New England and to the several Quarterly meetings not belonging to the Yearly Meeting and after some consideration they were read approved & signed by the Clerk & ordered to be made to the several Transcripts for the Quarterly meetings as stated and ordered the Epistles and minutes

of our Friends James Hopkins, Thomas Scattergood, Jon.
Willis, David Sands, Nicholas Hull, Daniel Willis
Capt Willis, Jacob Willis and Adam Hall which
endorsements were read and signed by the Clerk.

Caleb Greene 2 John Slocum and William Rotch are appointed to make such extracts from this Nations minutes as may be necessary, and forward to the several Quarterly meetings and to transcribe in Epistles to the Yearly meetings of London, &c. and forward their returns Epistles in Title

This Nation having been favoured to transact the weighty affairs which came before it with a good degree of love and concord and being also favoured with a humbling sense of the Divine presence, is united and adjourned this Nation to next year then to meet again with Divine permission at this place to begin at similar days the week and hour as this year.

Signed in behalf of said Nation

by Caleb Greene Second
Clerk this year

From our Yearly meeting held at ... to part on Rhodeisland for ... New England from the 11th of the 6m to the 18th of the same inclusive 1784.

To our Friends and Brethren at their next Yearly meeting to be held in London.

Dear Friends,

We received your printed general epistle and your epistle to us of last year which were read in this meeting to our edification and comfort. the seasonable and sympathetic advice therein contained being truly acceptable.

We have been favoured to meet together as usual, having the company of divers who have been added to our Society since last year by convincement we have also been favoured with the company of several Friends from neighbouring yearly meetings.

The concern of Friends here still continues in behalf of our fellowmen who have been held in a State of Slavery among Friends, which has occasioned an enquiry into their rights in respect to what demands they may have in equity for past services, those who have heretofore held them in Bondage; upon which enquiry, restitution has generally been made, by the individuals to the satisfaction of Friends.

An application to the authority here on their behalf has also renewedly taken place, which has been so far favourable as to obtain a law wherein all hereafter born within this State are declared to be free, and the importation of them hereafter is further prohibited.

Several of the adjacent States have also made considerable advances towards their freedom, wherefore we are encouraged to hope that the cause of liberty in regard to the Africans

rule — & exercised upon this occasion.

Under a grateful sense of the extendings of Divine power in which we have been enabled to conduct the affairs of the Church that have come before us, in a good degree of brotherly Love and Concord. We affectionately salute you, and Remain Your Friends & Brethren

Signed in behalf & by direction of our said — meeting

by Caleb Green Jun'r
Clerk to the s Meeting this Day

1785

At a Yearly Meeting held at Newport in Rhodeisland, the 9th day of the 6th Month 1785 at the 9th hour in the Morning, & Worship and the 3d hour in the Afternoon for Dispatch.

The Meeting being convened the Representatives from the several Quarterly meetings, by the Accounts presented and therein named, are

Rhodeisland, Isaac Lawton. David Greene. Thomas [illegible] David Brayton. Joseph [illegible] James Farnum. Thos Hazard. Moses Brown. [illegible] Peter Davis.

Salem, Jno Allen. Sqr Shove. Richard Jno Jervis. Wm Rodman. Paul Rogers. Jno Mumford. Nathan Turingtun.

Dartmouth, Wm Rotch. Micah Rotch. Wm King. Ebenezer Allen. Samuel Rodman. William Hay. Joseph Rogers. Russell Bradley. who being called, were all present right Wm King and Ebenezer Allen, who sent satisfactory reasons for their Absence.

Our esteemed Friend Zacharias Dicks attended this [illegible] and produced a Certificate dated at Cancreak in Cornwall the 3 of the 7th Month 1784 directed to Friends in Great Britain Ireland and Elsewhere:—

Also our esteemed Friend Abel Thomas attended this Meeting & produced a Certificate dated at Haddonfield in Pennsylvania the 3 of 9 Month 1785.

Also our esteemed Friend Joseph Potts attended this Meeting, a

and produced a certificate dated 9th month 1st 1755 from
Concord in Pennsylvania which being read & the
certificates signify that those Friends are in Unity
and their intended visits approved of.

Our esteemed Friend Joshua Morris attended this Meeting
and produced a copy of a Minute of Chester Monthly
Meeting dated 1st 1st 1755 signifying he is an Elder in Unity
and had a concern to be at this Meeting.

Also our Friend John Jones attended this Meeting
and produced a Copy of a Minute of Concord Monthly Meeting
signifying he had a desire to accompany our Friend Joseph
Jones aforesaid and their application they.

The which Minutes and the Minutes were read in
this Meeting to satisfaction.

Whereas in this Meeting information was given that Richard Hicks hath
appealed from the judgment in exclusion this Meeting
& Meeting against him and he appears to possess the
same Religious Principles Christian Conduct & Conversation
as when Jonathan Hoag Richard Dane Joseph Rogers
Moses Linn William Hoag and Catharine Austin were
united & met with said Weston and the Committee appointed by
the Quarterly Meeting to hear and determine said Appeal
report to an adjournment of this Meeting.

Said Friends informs that the Minutes and Epistles
Epistles were made and forwarded as directed last year

This Meeting is adjourned to the 11th next Month
to be held at the Meeting to attending to adjournment.

The Representatives being called were all present
but Peter Pusey.

The Representatives are requested that a Meeting

that Caleb Greene 2d had been nominated by them as a fit
person to succeed that, which having on application he is accord-
ingly reappointed to that Station.

The Meeting of Sufferings having gone thro' the Queries
and Answers, and laid a Report thereof before this
Meeting, in the Case of Application of Caleb Greene as a
Minister, after considering thereon, it is concluded to commit it to our
Friends Elihu Coleman, Joseph Austin, Thomas Austin,
Samuel Newman, John Winslow, William Hiney, Isaac Lawton,
Daniel Wilson, Andrew Austin, Austin Crich, Thomas
Hazard, Caleb Greene, James Rogers, James Davis
John Hoxie, Elihu Davis, the Clerk, Job Scott and
Stephen Gorton, who are to unite with the Meeting for
Sufferings and the Committee the Women may appoint, to consi-
der thereof, and make alterations or amendments if any may appear
necessary and report to an adjournment of this Meeting
this Meeting adjourns to half past 10 this afternoon
Met by Adjournment

The Representatives being called are all present,
but no business taken into consideration.

The Queries were read, with the Accounts and
Minutes from the several Quarters, and some lively judicious re-
marks made on the Deficiencies that thereby appear to remain
which desire may tend to excite Friends to a timely Care and
Labour, that those things may be removed, and more favourable
Accounts may in future come up.

Daniel Rowland, Benjamin Sisson, Caleb Gorton
Elihu Allen, Peter Case, Caleb Greene, John Bailey
are added a Committee. Who are desired to meet and

and Jonathan Dennis, are appointed to make [illegible] of Cash
this to the Quarterly meetings, as also to [illegible]
dispose of Two Hundred Yearly Meetings Certificates, for
the Friends attending this Meeting, with Transcripts of the
Epistles from our Yearly Meetings, and bring said writing
on the Adjournment of this Meeting.

Jonathan Arnold, William Anthony, Jun. Silas
Weeden, James Rod, Samuel Rogers and Thomas Lyon
are appointed to audit the Treasurer's Accounts, to consider
and apportion what sum may be requisite to support the Yearly
Meetings Stock for the ensuing Year, and report at an Ad-
journment of this Meeting.

The Committee appointed in the Case of Thomas Hicks's
Appeal from the Judgment of the Monthly Meeting
make the following Report

"We the Committee appointed in the Case of Thomas Hicks's
Appeal from the Judgment of the Monthly
held at Dartmouth in the 10th Month last have visited
upon said Hicks, and heard what he had to say, and after de-
liberate Consideration thereon, are unitedly of opinion, that the
Judgment of the Quarterly meeting be confirmed.

Newport 6th Mo. 11. 1785.

Jonathan Mott
Jeremiah Hacker
Moses [illegible]
Joseph Rogers
Andrew Easton
Hezekiah Howland
John Taber
Rich. Dame
Wm. Rotch

[illegible] and the Sat[illegible]
[illegible]

This Meeting adjourns to the 4th hour in the afternoon on the 3d Instant.

3d Met by adjournment

The Representatives being called were all present that were heretofore.

Received Epistles from the Yearly meetings of London Pennsylvania and Virginia & Long Island, read in this & [illegible] Epistle, which were read in this Meeting and the seasonable and weighty advices therein were comfortable and Satisfactory.

The Accounts received from the Quarterly Meetings in this City have all appointed to attend to the requisitions of this Meeting & have all attended to the subject & others have before now communicated to them. the steps they have taken being satisfactory, they are desired not to lose sight of that important object but forward them to the utmost of their Ability.

We are likewise informed that they have all proceeded in the Appointment of Committees: and that in Rhode Island & Hardwich Quarters an Equitable settlement with those who were held in a State of Slavery, has in near every instance been made, also that Salem has appointed a Committee to inspect into the Circumstances of those who have not fully completed their service and are still retained that Quarter is desired to continue their care in this fully accomplished and on account thereof come up next year.

The Accounts of the doings of the Meetings for Sufferings from the 5th mo 1782 to this time, were read in this Meeting, and their care and arduous labour therein appearing to the Approbation and satisfaction of friends

the same members of this Meeting are continued as the same
for the year ensuing.

This Meeting adjourns to the 2 hour in the afternoon
tomorrow.

11th Day. The meeting is adjourned.

The Representatives being called & met pursuant to
heretofore attended.

The Committee to consider of the Discipline made
Report, which is to satisfaction of this Meeting and is
as follows. "We your Committee respecting the Revised Discipline have met with the Members of the
Meeting for Sufferings, and heard it read and with
such alterations as are now made are easy therewith
and submit the disposal thereof to the Yearly meeting,
signed on behalf of the Committee by Abial Greene
Newport the 11th of 8th mo 1785." Catharine Ray"
and the said Digest as it now stands is adopted as
the Rules of Discipline of the Yearly Meeting and
the communicating it to the Quarterly and Monthly
Meetings, is committed to the care and oversight of the
Meeting for Sufferings, in such manner as may appear
to them best.

Rhodeisland Quarterly meeting in their answer
inform, that Bolton Preparative meeting desires with the
consent of Salem Quarterly and Monthly meeting, to be
joined to Uxbridge Monthly meeting, referring the
result thereof to this Meeting; which is approved of
and the said Bolton Preparative meeting is accordingly
joined to Rhodeisland Quarterly meeting.

Sandwich Quarter proposed an alteration that
will better accommodate its attendance in the first and

and two months which this Meeting concurs with and the alteration is made in the New Testament Discipline accordingly.

A Certificate was signed by the Clerk in behalf of our esteemed Friend Ann Jepson, directed to the Monthly Meeting of New Garden North Carolina, signifying that she attended this Meeting and her Company and service were satisfactory & comforting.

Copies of the Certificates of our esteemed Friends Jonathan Dicks and Ann Jessup now present at this Meeting, on their way for their intended visit to Europe as the Certificates they had with them appeared to be mislaid and defaced, that they would be insufficient, to the purpose thereby intended; and Endorsements were made on the same, signifying the same, and signed by the Clerk

The Committee appointed to audit the Treasurers accounts &c made report that they had audited said accounts and find £40. 6. 4 in the Treasury and that Salem Quarterly Meeting is deficient £21. 16. 8 of their Quarter last year and conclude that the sum of £1000 be raised in the ensuing year, but that they did not apportion the sum as proposed which is done by the Representatives in following manner.

Rhodeisland	£57. 10
Salem	20.
Sandwich	22. 10.
	£100

Ordered that the same be forwarded to the Treasurer of Rhodeisland Quarterly Meeting and also desired to forward to the Treasurer of Salem Quarterly Meeting

The Committee appointed to make Copies of Epistles to the several Meetings of Rhodeisland Quarterly Meeting and Salem Quarterly Meeting and Sandwich Monthly Meeting reported that they had made the same and

Signed

Send to the Clerk copies of which are directed to be kept on file, and the Meeting for Sufferings is desired to forward them to the Yearly Meetings respectively.

The said Committee also produced an Essay of Epistles to the Quarterly meetings which was approved and signed by the Clerk, and they with the Transcripts of the several Epistles to this Meeting are forwarded to the Quarterly meetings, or the Representatives.

Epistles were sent to the Clerk in behalf of our Elder Friends, viz. Thomas Zacharias Willis, Joseph Sotts, and Joshua Morris, directed to the monthly Meetings said Friends belong to, expressing their attendance of this Meeting and that their Company is very satisfactory and comfortable, as also one in behalf of our Friend John Jacob jun.r directed to the Monthly meeting he belongs to signifying his Conduct was acceptable and his conduct and Deportment becoming.

The Friends appointed last year to collect all the Books and papers belonging to this Meeting who are to report in form they have made such a Collection and what Books are missing, and those collected are in the hands of Isaac Lawton.

This Meeting the experiencing inward [illegible] feelings yet has been favoured to transact the affairs which came before it with a degree of [illegible] and love, for which favour we are bound in thankfulness to our Holy Head. The Meeting adjourn to next June, and then [illegible] at this place at the Usual Time.

Signed in and on behalf of said Meeting by [illegible] Clerk

[illegible] Meeting this [illegible]

1785

From our Yearly meeting held on Rhode Island for New England from the 16th of the 6th month to the 21st of the same Inclusive 1785.

To the Yearly meeting of Friends in London.

Dear Friends,

Your Epistle of last year, and your several Epistles, came safe to hand and being read in this meeting, were to satisfaction the Comfort and Encouragement of the well engaged.

We unite with you in a thankful sense of the blessings that attend & derive from the restoration of outward Peace among the Nations and ardently wish that the present abundant outpouring of Love may awaken in us a grateful sense of the infinite obligations we are under to the all wise Disposer of events and that it may be productive of greater watchfulness and not a relaxation of care.

We have been favoured to meet in this our annual assembly and through the several sittings thereof, to transact the affairs that have been laid before it in some good degree of Love and Condescension and have with satisfaction to find that by the accounts brought up it appears that those in relation to the Spiritual race is mostly accomplished and that of erecting settlements equitable with them, is nearly so, tho' the deficiencies remaining are still under care, and we trust in a fair way gains ground among others.

We have agreed under the direction of this Meeting to go forward as to the ground on Rhode Island, as

and good order prevail & love unfeigned, in quiet some, & in
part a great measure in the most usual parts of Society
especially the part in Society: and have hope that the Love
thereof will increase so as to make its utility more extensive

Friends Sufferings in support of their testimony against
War, have much abated since the Legislation thereof, but some
have had their Property since taken on that account of which
there is no particulars sent up to this Meeting

There appears a considerable number with us that are
measurably engaged in support of our Christian testimony in
the various branches thereof, and altho some of our Youth are
flying off, and pursuing the fleeting joys of Time and sense
& reject and immerging themselves in the cumbering cares
of this World: yet there are others come in to an increase whose
standing we hope will be more permanent

In Love we salute you and remain Your Friends
and Brethren.

Signed — by direction
and on behalf of said Meeting

Caleb Greene Jr.
Clerk to the Meeting this year

From our Yearly-meeting held at Newport in New-England, by adjournments, from the 10th of the 6th Mo. to the 14th of the same inclusive 1785

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends, next to be held at Philadelphia for Pennsylvania, & New Jersey, &c.

Dear Friends,

Your Epistle of 9th Mo. last was received and read in this Meeting, to our satisfaction and comfort; and afforded matter of Encouragement to the living among us, to persevere in the line of divine appointment; and we hope may serve as a seasonable caution, to such as appear to be slackening in their zeal for the promotion of the cause of Truth and righteousness in the Earth

This our Annual Assembly, hath been favoured to transact the several weighty affairs that have come before it, with a good degree of brotherly love and condescension, and was attended by divers concerned Brethren from your parts and have thankfully to acknowledge the continued condescension of divine regard graciously extended for the help & preservation of the upright hearted among us, who have no might of their own, nor strength to perform the least service in the Church, without the immediate assistance and influence of his power to quicken and animate their spirits to a lively zeal for the preservation of the cause of Truth & righteousness.

We have with satisfaction to inform, that the matter relative to the African Race is mostly accomplished in regard to making equitable settlement with them for services past, and the deficiencies remaining are still under care and we think the Testimony herein rather gains ground among others

The School proposed under the direction of this Meeting is so far proceeded in, as to be Opened on Rhode Island, and affords

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a prospect of being useful, in giving some of our youth a guarded Education, in the most useful parts of learning, Especially to the poor in society

Signed by direction and on behalf of our said Meeting by Caleb Greene 2nd Clerk to the Meeting this year

From our Yearly Meeting held at Newport for New England by Adjournments from the 11th of the 1st Mo. 1785 to the 14th of the same inclusive

To the next yearly Meeting of our Friends and Brethren at West Bury on Long Island

Dear Friends

We received your Epistle Dated the 5th. 4th. last which was read in our Meeting to satisfaction, and in which your affectionate care for our preservation from evil customs is evidently manifested, and we trust there are of that number amongst us, who unitedly join in the like Christian labour, and we believe it is the ardent desire of the Sincere hearted that this number may be encreased, who may stand as valiants for truth's Testimony in all its branches

We may inform that we have been favoured through the several Sittings of this Meeting to transact the Business which came weightily before us in brotherly condescension; and notwithstanding it hath been a season of inward trial wherein we believe many have been Baptiz-

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into a State of poverty and weakness, yet encouragement hath been administered to continue in persevering patience which all ought to endeavour after as a truly essential qualification for right Discipline in the Church ——— The Subject of plainness both in Language and Apparrel, as expressed in your salutary Epistle, has often been an object of particular attention & the rightly exercised amongst us; and it is our earnest desire that notwithstanding the good effect of such Counsel may not so fully appear, that it may not be a discouragement to the necessary care ———

The institution of a School hath for some time been a Subject of weighty consideration to this Meeting, and so far attended to as to be opened on Rhode Island, and we think there is a prospect of its utility ———

After a Salutation of our affectionate regard conclude

Your friends and Brethren ———

by direction

Signed and on behalf of said Meeting by ——— Caleb Greene 2nd Clerk to the Meeting this year

At our Yearly Meeting began & held at Newport on Rhode Island for New England the 4th of the 6 m.o 1715 at the 10th hour in the morning for Worship & the 3d in the afternoon for Discipline —

The Meeting being entered the representatives from the several Quarterly Meetings by the Clerk presented & there were found to be

For Rhode Island { Isaac Lawton, John Casey, Sam.l Smith Abner [illegible] James Davis & David Buffum —

Salem — { Jeremiah Hacker, John Tabor Jonathan Dow [illegible]

Sandwich { Joseph Harris [illegible] Joseph Allen [illegible] & John Bailey —

[illegible]

An Epistle from the Yearly Meeting at Dublin in Ireland this Meeting read during the Meeting which is accordingly ordered —

The following certificates were presented to this Meeting by our Friends with their company & were read & allowed from their respective Meetings viz.

John Rowe's Dated at Nottingham Meeting in New England the 6th of 3d Month 1715 expressive of his being recommended his Ministry & his making a visit to Friends in America & his intent, with a certificate of concurrence from the Monthly Meeting for the Counties of Derby & Nottingham held at [illegible] the 28th of said Month likewise a certificate of concurrence from the Yearly Meeting of Friends held at London from the 1st to the 23d of the 5 Month 1715 —

John Osmond's Dated at the Yearly Meeting held at Devonshire house London 2d of the 6th Month 1715 [illegible]

of their Unity with his Ministry & the meeting is concluded
in Silence & he informs it is directed with a Certificate of concurrence
from the Quarterly Meeting held at the same place the 11th of the
Month inclosed & Certificate of concurrence from the Yearly
Meeting of Ministers & Elders held in London the 10th & 11th of
Nathaniel Mather's Dated at the Monthly Meeting of Elders
held for the Northern District Pa. 5th to express our unity
& Fellowship in the Testimonies of Truth as held by New England
expressive of their unity with his Ministry & intended visit, with a
Certificate of concurrence from the Quarterly Meeting held in
Philadelphia for Pa. & N. Jersey the 1st of the 5 Month last
Peter Yarnall's Dated at the Monthly Meeting of Waterford
for Pa. & Jersey Quarterly Meeting held the 11th of the 2d Month last
desires a passage in Truth in New England expressive
of their unity with his Ministry & intended visit with a
Certificate of concurrence from the Quarterly Meeting held
at Abington the 8th of the 3d Month last
Caleb Pike's Dated at the aforesaid Monthly Meeting of
Warrington desires a passage in New England expressive of their
unity with his Ministry & intended visit with a Certificate of
concurrence from the last mentioned Quarterly Meeting
Robert Willis's Copy of a Minute made at Monthly
Meeting the 12th of the 3d Month last expressive of their
unity with his desire to attend some Meetings in Rhode
Island & New England
Silvan Lamson's Copy of a Minute from Hopewell
Monthly Meeting held the 21st of the 3d Month last expressive of their
unity with his visit to Ohio & their freedom on his accompanying
Jesse Kersey from Hopewell upon mentioned to his Company
with Certificates & Copies of Minutes now found in a

Meeting to satisfaction

A Petition in behalf of our esteemd friend Edward Hunlock late of Tinpond & Mustang New Jersey Merchant & Mariner deceased & praying for the Easton part of the Yearly Meeting agreeable to the Request of our Yearly Meeting was read & considered

The Queries were read & the Answers from the several Quarterly Meetings upon perusal many judicious Sentiments therein were made profitably subservient to the Matter of Yearly Meeting recommended & further consideration thereof is referd to the adjournment

Adjournd to the 10th hour to morrow.

10th day of the 8th month

The representatives being called over as yesterday

The Committee from the Yearly Meeting held at Westbury on Long Island together with the Answers Epistles which were read in this Meeting yesterday were again taken & considered & put in a Collection & compared

By those from the several Quarterly Meetings we are informed that they have transmitted to the Meetings treasurers the sum required for last years Stock & sixteen Pounds odd & paying toward their former arrearage

We appoint Danl Kenderick Isaac Lawton Edward Hunlock Edward Thorne Jeremiah Tucker Stephen Mason William Dillon Jonathan Judy John Taber Jethro Mitchell to inspect the Minutes Jonathan Dame Caleb Howland Jno Jones Joseph Coggeshall Jeremiah Rose Thomas Thomas Thomas Thomas Daniel Thomas Dillon Augustus Johnson Edward Thomas Jonathan Lee & Isaac Taber John Thomas Jethro Mitchell to take into consideration the former Minute of the Yearly Meeting

Meeting of publick & Quarterly Meetings, also to consider
of Yearly & Quarterly Meetings — Correspondence to
Friends that have printed communications to their Meeting
And prepare Transcripts of Epistles received from the aforesaid
Yearly Meetings — Also to consider of the proposal from
Ohio Quarterly Meeting of altering the time of that Meeting
being held, And report their sense of the matters submitted to
their consideration with their doings to an adjournment of this
Meeting —

Our Friend John Townsend Zager
Ohio Meeting to mention that his religious exercise
mind, to visit such parts of the English Eastern Colonies as
Friendship may open that he under the precipitation
Meeting's Service — may be with them in the further
thereof & to endeavour to promote its usefulness, We refer it
consideration of the several Committees & report their judg
of the mode that will best contribute to the desired end —

Jonathan Evans & Isaac Smith, Matthew Livingston,
Mary Morris, Joseph Wyeth & Samuel Coates are appointed
a Committee to consider what may
be necessary to be done for the present years stock & make
report thereof to the adjournment —

Adjourned to the 10th hour, the 12th instant —

12th day Met by adjournment —

The Representatives being called all present —

Jonathan Evans Acting in their Clerk informed that
Ann Mifflin had appealed from the judgment of Chester Mon
in the 6th Month last, which being read & the matter
fully heard & considered, are desirous Ann may attend the
Quarterly Meeting to be held at Providence the 4th day
next & if practicable —

The Committee

to audit the Treasurers Accts & make the following report —

[illegible]

We your Committee appointed to audit the Treasurers Accts & consider what Sum will be necessary to raise for the ensuing Year — have attended to [illegible] and find that Salem Quarter is in arrear Twenty one pounds Nine Shillings & five pence — And it is our opinion that it may be best to raise the sum of Seventy five pounds to pay the present Arrears — [illegible] as appears per the Treasurers Report & recommend a further sum to be raised —

Signed on behalf of the Committee by Jonathan Peirce.

Ord. This Meeting approves of the Seventy five pounds to be raised as the following proportions viz.t

Rhode Island Quarter [illegible] } £75 —
Salem [illegible] 15 17 }
Sandwich [illegible] }

Which they are desired to furnish the Treasurer with as soon as they conveniently can & send an Acct. to the next Yearly Meeting —

Salem Quarterly Meeting in their Epistle inform that agreeable to a minute of this Meeting their case in effecting an equitable settlement with those who have been held in Slavery — That they had proceeded in that matter & had such a settlement had taken place & the subscriptions there on had been paid therein except in two or three instances with an Addendum thereto, to which this Meeting directs their very [illegible] attention — Our Acct. of their receipts thereon Sent to our next Yearly Meeting —

The account of Rent to the Overseers by this Meeting for the ensuing Year is not to be [illegible] which is [illegible]

The remaining minutes of the Meeting for Sufferings were
read & it appears that they had Read that Minute & Epistle
years requisition respecting the digest of Discipline commit
& from the Meeting and the same has not been before them
the satisfaction of this Meeting — And it is concluded that
same Friends that constituted that Meeting last year be
in the service for the ensuing year —

The following minute was

At the Yearly Meeting —

The Committee in the Several matters to them
several times met & considerd thereon, Report. That the mat
of calling Select Yearly Meeting proposed by Him to
there & recommend to the Meeting to consider whether
when if they are united that such an alteration will be
recommended to the Meeting they may send the matter for their
their consideration of this Meeting —

The Essays of Answers to the Epistles are herewith p
The matter of our friend John Townsend
concerning visit Nantucket &c has been considerd & it is the
of this Committee that the Meeting extend their care that there
Friend be accompanied who are to report their service to
Meeting for Sufferings & receive their directions for the payment
the Same out of the Yearly Meeting's Treasury —

Signd on behalf of the Committee
by Caleb Greene V. 2 d —

Which report is accepted by this Meeting —

The Essays & Epistles to the Quarterly Meetings, the
Yearly Meetings of London, Ireland & Long Island, were
& Signed now read by the Clerk & directed to Frien

Lodge with the Sufferings & Sufferings & Epistles to the four-
mentioned Yearly Meetings —

[illegible]

Adjourned to 2d Third Hour this Afternoon —

Met by adjournment.

The representatives being called are all present —

Certificates for our friends Jnº Storer & Jnº Townsend, one for
& their respective Meetings, with testimonies in the Behalf
of our friends Nicholas Paty & Edith their Wife
Ester & Susan Norman mentioning the satisfaction in their
company amongst with their Labours among us being read & ap-
were Signed by the Clerk —

The consideration of the clause [illegible] upon the subject of an Epistle [illegible] to be Corresponding Lodged [illegible] to be prepared [illegible]
[illegible] Epistle [illegible] Meeting [illegible] Meeting [illegible]
Meeting [illegible] Meeting [illegible] Meeting [illegible]
Meeting [illegible] Meeting [illegible] Meeting [illegible]
Meeting

[illegible] Meeting held at Newport on Rhode Island
[illegible] from the 9th of the 6th mo. to the 13th of the same
[illegible]

[illegible] Friends at Bellingham in [illegible]
[illegible]

Dear Friends & Brethren,

Our Esteemed friend [illegible]
Storer, having attended the several sittings of this Meeting pr[illegible]
[illegible]
make this religious visit, with Certificates of concurrence from [illegible]
Quarterly Meeting & the Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders [illegible]

We have to Certify, that his deportment has
been exemplary his services in the Ministry & Discipline, [illegible]
[illegible]
Labours in this land are brought to a close — We salute
you in Gospel love & remain your friends & Brethren
Signed on behalf of the Yearly Meeting aforesaid
by Wm. Rotman Clerk
this Meeting this 10th

At our Yearly Meeting held at Newport on Rhode Island
for New England from the 9th of the 6th mo. to the 13th of the same
[illegible]

To the Mo. Meeting of Friends at Dartmouth [illegible]

Beloved Friends & Brethren,

Our Esteemed friend
[illegible] having attended the several sittings of this Meeting
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

We have to certify [illegible] his services in the Ministry & occasional visits [illegible] & Christian sympathy. Which visits [illegible] he is now returning to you again, accompanied with the Reward of Peace which we believe in this [illegible] he is entitled — [illegible] he may be [illegible] & blessing your [illegible] — & on behalf of the [illegible] friends —

by [illegible] Edmund Cook & the Meeting this year

From our Yearly Meeting held in London by Adjournments from the 9th of 6th mo. to the 15th of the same inclusive 1786

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends in Dublin —

Dear Friends

We received your Epistles of last Year both general & particular, which were very acceptable at this Meeting; the many seasonable advices & cautions therein contained, we hope may be profitably regarded. And as we are engaged among us in the various services of the Church, may we remember the Lord is waiting the Creatures renewed Day by day, that we [illegible] where we have at this time given wrong results, may we be attended to, by a steady attention & submission to the manifestations of divine Light & Grace, as freely dispensed & the faithful [illegible] as in former days, that notwithstanding the many [illegible] day of outward ease have surfeited with meats & strengthened [illegible] & our attention to the Lord, and have given rise to some [illegible] upon unsuitable occasions of rejoicing & the Holy Covenant, and [illegible] other minds; it concerns such attended this Meeting to [illegible] a renewed care to maintain our Christian Testimony with [illegible] & meekness thereof, where occasion have been [illegible] mostly discountenanced by our several Quarterly & Monthly [illegible]

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We have been measurably favoured in this our Annual Assembly with the fresh extendings of divine regard whereby we have been helped to transact the affairs that have come before us in brotherly unanimity — Our beloved friends [illegible] Townsend, from your Meeting, have been with us in our meetings, as well as several friends from our Neighbouring Quarterly Meetings whose company hath been satisfactory & serviceable among us — We have not received any accounts of Friends sufferings at this Meeting, which is an evidence, that if there be any at all, they exist in a very small degree, which we have no doubt will be an agreeable information to you —

There appears by the Accounts from our Quarterly Meetings, have been some further advancement since last Year, in the completion of an equitable settlement between those who have heretofore been held in slavery, and those by whom they have been so held, which desirable object we hope to keep in view, until it is satisfactorily completed —

[illegible] we have a concern to address you affectionately on this occasion, & remain your friends & brethren —

Signed in & on behalf of our Meeting aforesaid — By order, Samuel Rodman Clerk to this Meeting this year

At our Yearly Meeting held at Newport for New England by adjournments from the 9th of the 6th mo. to the 13th of the same inclusive — It was the next Yearly Meeting of Friends to be held at Philadelphia in the Year following —

Dear Friends —

[illegible] Spirit of the Gospel [illegible] to be our constant Qualification

Thus our annual Assembly hath been favoured together in fervent Supplication with the acknowledgment of divine regard, whereby we have

[illegible] to manage the weighty affairs that have come before us in a good degree of brotherly love & concord —

We have had the company of divers concerned Brethren & friends from other parts which [illegible] have been truly comfortable & satisfactory to us, and things divine favourably ordered & conducted so that at this our present session which is one of harmony & brotherly love & both united to go on with the recommendation of the Yearly Meeting & appointed our Clerk & Assistant to sign in our respective Names & in behalf of the Meeting to the Epistles to our respective Yearly Meetings — We recommend to your tender care & religious attention & godly concern those dear young people who are [illegible] & desire you encourage & strengthen them in the way of righteousness that they may be established & grounded in the truth & not be carried away with the errors & delusions of the present day but [illegible] & [illegible] & [illegible] &

renewed which is comfortable to us, and it admonishes
encouragement that the great Lord of the harvest is yet pleased
to favour with the enjoyment of his presence that he
not only extending his mercies to a remnant that are devoted
to his fear and love but that there is
some stronger and more lively breathings after
Expressions of the touches of divine love are yearned over by us
that they may be engaged to a sense of their situation & excite
them to a diligent & faithful

Our dear brethren with us as well as with ours
are sorrowfully apparent and a declension from the life of
& power of religion is generally prevailing we feel ourselves
engaged earnestly to desire that the bonds of brotherly love
may be strengthened And that the ravages of our soul enemies
may be stayed, and this generation may yet so walk as to
be restored to the banks of deliverance

The business that hath been before this Meeting
has been mostly to the edification, which we hope may
be remembered to the encouraging hearts of our labourers

As a sense of divine regard at this time overshadowed
& us we affectionately salute you & conclude

Your friends & brethren

Signed on behalf of our
Yearly Meeting aforesaid by Sam. Bodman Clerk
to this Meeting this year

From Our Yearly Meeting of Friends began & held in Philad.
a. on the 2d Second day in the 9th Month & the 13th
same inclusive 1786

To the several Quarterly Meetings belonging
to Philad.

In regard of what among ourselves

hath been mercifully vouchsafed to us at this time do we salute
you & rejoice that that Union (the not altogether so long as
could have been wished) having enabled us unanimously
& united address of our most renowned brethren from Europe &
their pious pressing exhortations thereto, (the effect whereof
more of which I send herewith by the Reverends the Pastors,
many addresses) produces counsels before which corresponden
with the minutes of this Session we think ourselves called to recommend
to the several Associations Elders & Messengers of
which both renewed friends & visit the several Meetings belon
ings, to afford them such assistance, counsel and advice, a
may on the Meeting shall appear most likely conducive for a
Removal of all such causes of complaint among ourselves
this to such as are different in Worship, Principles, Practice
or Worship & Discipline, (for the many Points mentioned
Christian which the Gospel requires and loves all the faithful
wh. Ministers who have appeared of the Ministry
ordered are the fruits of the Spirit & cannot mind, as they
love is the fruit of the Spirit & distinguishing mark of true
real Disciples of Christ, And wherever there appears any
neglect in the settlement of outward affairs, that the Meeting
Meetings endeavour to guard their Members as much as possible
from any deviation from a strict adherence to just Principles
in the payment of debts, or discharge of contracts, for such
would not only affect the character of the particular, but the reputation
of our religious Society, And we further earnestly re-
commend to see that Friends make their Wills while they are
mind & possession of health, and where it appears to any
amongst us such not according to our duty & discipline, that
such be timely dealt with agreeable to the wholesome rules
established among us & upon failure, to which we refer the

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The Representatives named in the account from the several Quarterly Meetings are

From
Rhode Island } Jacob Mott, John Casey, Levi Hunt,
Andrew Nichols, Abner Potter, Job Scott,
& Caleb Greene,

Salem, } Jeremiah Hacker, John Tabor, Daniel
Nicholson, Isaac Hilyer, Thos
Moses Dow & Timothy Robinson

Sandwich } Wm Lolch, Abner Hill, Ebenezer Allen
Joseph Rogers, Joseph Nye, Eliphalet Nichols
& John Rufus.

who are all present excepting Ebenezer Allen who sent a reason for his Absence which is accepted.

The Representatives proposing that Wm Hilyer be appointed Clerk for this year and Wm Lolch junr an assistant which being approved by this Meeting they are appointed accordingly

The following Certificates were read in this Meeting to good acceptance one on behalf of our Friend Thomas Arnold from the Monthly Meeting held for the Northern District the 22nd day of the 3rd Month 1787 one on behalf of our Friend Wm Carey from the Monthly Meeting held the first day of 5th Month 1787 in Providence

& their Unity with them as Brethren and with their proceeding on a Visit to Friends in Ireland.

Also a Copy of a Minute on behalf of our Friend Thomas Thompson from the Cork Monthly Meeting of Friends in Ireland manifesting their Unity with him as a Minister and with his prospect of attending this Yearly and some Meetings adjacent.

Also a Copy of a Minute from the Hertford Meeting of Friends at Saratoga on behalf of our Friend Stephen Story dated the 24th of 5th Mo. 1781 shewing that they concurred in his accompanying in Gospel Love as they in their Religious Visit to Friends in New England.

Also a Copy of a Minute from said Monthly Meeting on behalf of our Friend Tabitha Hoxie, manifesting that they approved of his accompanying a Minute above mentioned in his visit to these parts, and that he was an approved Elder.

The Queries were read and the Accounts and Essays from the several Quarterly Meetings, and Friends fervently exhorted to Labour for an amendment in those particulars that minister cause of complaint. The summary account of said Answers is as follows viz. 1st That the Meetings for Worship on the first day of the Week and that for Discipline are duly attended by the greater part of Friends, yet that there is a considerable deficiency in the due attendance of meetings for Worship on the other days of the Week, and a complaint from the Quarterly Meeting in that Neighbourhood for [illegible] in the case of [illegible] to this Meeting.

2nd That Love & Unity in good Measure maintained in general among Friends as far as relates to an outward Testimony but not so generally expressed in such manner as becomes the followers of Christ.

3 That our Testimony respecting plainness, the use of spirituous Liquors, Slavery, and the other Branches of our Christian Discipline appear to be in the general pretty well maintained tho not without divers exceptions which have been remarked upon by this meeting.

Appearing requisite to this Meeting that a Committee be appointed to take Opinion and Information in the Matters aforesaid proper to enable this Meeting to judge of the Service, and Benefit thereof, Daniel Wilkinson, Thomas Hazzard, Isaac Lawton, William Jeremiah Slocum, Stephen Albert Hammett, John Faber, Jonathan Chase 2d are appointed accordingly to report to this Meeting for that Purpose during the Sitting of such matters as they may think proper to be acted upon the same may be opened.

This Meeting adjourned to the 8th Hour to morrow.

No Day must be Adjourned.

The Representatives of yesterday.

Our Friends Isaac Lawton & Wife & Daniel Wilkinson & Wife from Nine Partners Meeting in Dutchess County, were acceptably received. Also a Written Epistle from said Meeting directed to Friends of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, was read & received. Also a Written Epistle from said Meeting directed to Friends of Long Island which was received & read & ordered to be [illegible]

1st mo. 1st. 98. Thomas Arnold, Joseph Log-
-sdell, Jun. Benjamin Collins & Nathan Hilles
Daniel Haviland jun. John Tabor Daniel Neall & Moses
Brown, are appointed to prepare Copys of Answers to
Epistles, and also an Epistle to the Quarterly Meetings
now to belong, with Certificates for our Friends who have
had Certificates, and to make out transcripts of the Epistles
above mentioned for the several Quarters, and present them to
adjournment of this Meeting.

Ann Mott in this Meeting produced
to this a Certificate on behalf of our Friend Mary Mott
of Hardwick Meeting of Friends at Warwick, dated the 15th
1st/ Certifying their approbation with her Gift in the
work of the Ministry among Friends in those parts.

Also a Copy of a
Minute on behalf of our Friend Susannah Collins dated
the 21st 1st/ Shewing that they approved of her accompany-
ing the above mentioned Friend in her apprehended Visit.

John Haviland, Ben.: Jackson, Timothy Robinson &
Mary, Hunter Hicks, Squires Shove, are appointed to
audit accounts with the Treasurer, and to consider of the Sum
proper to be raised to support this Meeting, to be at the pre-
-sent, and report to an Adjournment of this Meeting.

The Quarterly Meeting of Sandwich have communi-
-cated to this Meeting in Writing, that Aaron Lawton
appointed for their Judgment in conformity to the Request
of Dartmouth Monthly Meeting, and he appearing at this
to have acted to said appointment, Thomas Arnold, Caleb
Gifford, Jun. Moses Lee, Nathan Brown & Joseph
Arnold, are appointed to meet at the Quarter-

in conjunction with the committee appointed by the house of Lords and Allegations relating to said Appeal, and report their opinion and judgment thereon to an adjournment of this House.

This Meeting Adjourn to be at 9 o'clock on Monday next the 11th Inst.

Eleventh day Met by Adjournment

The Representatives all present except Ebenezer Allen as above excepted.

A Record of the Meetings for Suffering for the year past being laid before this Meeting and read, their doings thereby exhibited are to the general satisfaction of this Meeting. And our Beloved Friend Joseph Whitall being removed by Death and Samuel Smith disinged at his request, which with some other causes render an addition to said Meeting necessary Whereupon Robert S. Hugg Lemuel Coffin Benjamin Wilkinson & Abner Hall are added to the said Meeting, who are to constitute a Meeting of Sufferings for the year ensuing, and to act in that Capacity agreeable to former appointment and constitution of said Meeting.

This Meeting Adjourns to the 2nd 6th Month Next.

Met by Adjournment

The Representatives present as in the Morning.

Several Friends belonging to Salem Meeting [illegible] that they are appointed Committee to visit their Meeting [illegible] but [illegible] appointed [illegible] their opinion [illegible] are desired to [illegible] the same may be [illegible] at large.

Salem Quarterly Meeting in their account from, that [illegible]
remained under their care respecting the offering [illegible]
settlement for the past services of those who [illegible]
very is now accomplished which is acceptable [illegible]
Said Quarterly meeting also informs that consequent to [illegible]
of this meeting last year, they have had their Quarterly meeting
for the year past as before; yet on further mature consideration
it is their united hope, that the following alteration in the
[illegible] may be agreeable, viz. That the Quarterly
Meeting and at each (formerly to [illegible] be held on the
day before the first day in the first month, and that the
[illegible] seventh day before the first day in the 11th month which
is appointed to be this meeting and they are permitted to act
accordingly.

The Quarterly Meeting of Sandwich having re-
quested the advice of this Meeting respecting Nantucket
[illegible] meeting giving liberty to some of their members to
[illegible] to Canso in Nova Scotia to hold a meeting
for worship at that place on the first day of the
week, and granting their request in giving them a Certi-
[illegible] the Yearly Meeting [illegible]
[illegible] which being [illegible] to the consideration of the
Committee appointed upon the general matters of Society, and having
[illegible] the same, [illegible] the Committee
[illegible] proceed in that case as they may think proper in the premises
it will [illegible] further repeats in that matter respecting
[illegible] which [illegible] may best be
[illegible] it is intended for this month

[illegible] a Committee of [illegible] Case, & that the Ladies [illegible]
of the Names of such as are Members of [illegible]
with propriety be read to them." which is adopted by this
Meeting, said Monthly Meeting to conduct in that Case ac-
cordingly.

The Committee appointed in the case of the Appeal
of Sarah Rowe &c. report in writing as follows viz.

We the Committee appointed to hear and consider of the
case of the Appeal of Sarah Rowe from Sandwich
Quarterly Meeting having seen the minutes, and all matters
to that Case, and heard what the parties had to offer
having considered the circumstances attending the same,
are of opinion that the Judgment of the said Quarterly
Meeting be approved, which we submit to the
Yearly Meeting.

Mary Mitchell &c.
Mary Lawton
Desire Langford
Hannah Hacker
Mary Chilber
Sarah Hoxie
Mary Rodman &c.

Dan.l Sutton
Moses Cook
Clark Redman
Nathan Lord
Thomas Arnold
George Sisson

This Meeting accordingly met

12th day met by Adjournment.

The Representatives all present as heretofore

The Committee from Rhode Island having laid before
this Meeting [illegible]

The Meeting for Sufferings having laid before this Meeting
the following minute viz. At a meeting for Sufferings

ria at East Greenwich for New England the 4th day of
1767 The making Provision for Cash Postage dur
sitting of the yearly Meeting, coming under consideration
this Meeting not having succeeded in our request to Rhode
Island Monthly Meeting last year, of making Provision as
formerly, and no circumstances appear, here is not a sufficient
cause for such an application succeeding at this time; We
think it best to recommend the Subject to the consideration
of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, and desire them
to make the necessary provision for said purpose during the
sitting of the next Yearly Meeting; and also to endeavour to
have the Debt due the Estate heretofore of Jesse Lott settled
into Salem and settled with Rhode Island monthly Meeting
or have the same laid before the yearly meeting in order that a
diversity of sentiment respecting the Right to the legacy
Left be removed by mutual Friends abroad or otherwise as
best wisdom may direct. and the Clerk is directed
to take a Copy of this Minute before Rhode Island Quarterly
Meeting to morrow.

Copy extracted by Moses Brown Clerk
at this time

It is being taken into weighty consideration that no
one can depend for this meeting ought to endeavour to set
in the matter respecting the Estate of late Jesse Lott
of Rhode Island
the Province for that the yearly meeting thinks it
to refer it to the yearly Meeting in another province
to provide means to take cognizance of in such manner
as they in wisdom may see meet in order that the
right of said Estate may be justly ascertained and the
Clerk is directed to forward the Monthly Meeting's

Rhode Island with a Copy of this Minute, in order that said meeting may be acquainted with the same. And said Yearly Meeting is advised to provide Pasture for Stock at the yearly Meeting time, and to lay an account of the expence before this Meeting. And as we mean not to enter into Judgement in this Case, so we would not have the paying the expence for the present year to be considered as a Relinquishment of any Right that the yearly Meeting may have to the use of said Lott, and the Clerk is desired to lay a Copy of this minute before the yearly meeting

(Extracted from the Minutes
by Moses Brown Clk.

A Minute being committed to the consideration of the Committee upon general matters, they report as follows. viz.

Newport 12th of 6th Mo. 1787

To the yearly Meeting now setting

The yearly Committee on general services have paid my best attention to the case from Rhode Island Quarter, and altho the first opportunity upon it was attended with some exercising circumstances, yet thro' superior assistance we have at least felt after, and weighed the important matter in a good degree in the love Ballance, and unanimously agreed that there was a Legacy left by the Will of our Friend many years past to wit Nathaniel Richardson towards the Town of Rhode Island, and the Will, the Codicil of the Testator, and several Subsequent papers of Importance with the constant Consent of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting for many years, the Right of appropriation was

in, ye said Meeting, and that certain persons were appoin-
-ted in Trust to have a Religious care of said Interest,
it was meant to be conducted by such as were living
-bers of the body of Christ the true and mystical Church; &
that it hath from time to time, for many years been in a
good degree appropriated according to the original intention
by such by such as we believe were at first actuated with
that intention, and by such as have since that time
been made acquainted therewith, that the first deed given
in, the Case recited, the whole disposal of the Estate in the
Meeting of Rhode Island & their successors and that of the whole
Body by them owned, and was intended to descend to their
successors in the same faith, that some scruple arising whe-
-ther the Fee of said Estate being vested in the Meeting as a
body might not lay it liable to be arrested from Society by
the Statute of Statutes. that hence the Land, as it now stands
not into — and) was reconveyed to ye first deed in
order to take another deed securing it to certain persons
as Trustees, tho. not mentioned in the Deed as such: that
at the first Institution of said form of deeds considerable
taken of them to secure the Interest to the Meeting, that
afterwards such confidence was placed in the Trustees
that they would inviolably preserve and render the same
secure, that bonds were not taken. That the Trustees have
from time to time till of late constantly and regularly after
-wards received the Monthly Meeting's directions in regard
to the conducting and disposing of said Interest — that it is

clear and evident that the persons in trust to whom the last deed was given were really intended as a barrier to prevent designing men, (who might as it was feared take advantage of the above mentioned Statute) from making the state for the Healing – That they are ever bound in equity and ought in all good conscience to be under the advisement and direction of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in regard to the appropriation of the whole trust as it stands under the spread in terms of their first institution and guide the living body of the Church; and that Rhode Island Monthly Meeting ought to seek for and at all times become acquainted and see to the discharge of their trust in the appropriation of said interest, according to the original intention of the donors who we believe to have been well acquainted with the intention of the donor, whose mind we have no reason to believe was not influenced in the disposition of his Estate governed by extensive good will to Society and the cause of Truth, and finally we think best for the weight of the matter to rest on Rhode Island Monthly Meeting, who ought to be the proper judges whether the appropriation both of late and altogether according to the original intention as expressed in the first deed and the conduct of Friends in many years past

We also propose that the yearly Meeting order the Treasurer to pay the Clerk and present year's expence of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting at the time of the yearly Meeting sitting – And it may be well to order the next yearly Meeting at this place and that Rhode Island Monthly Meeting be desired to have the house at least two of the yearly Meetings in which it is built to the state

Signed by order and in behalf of the Meeting

Isaac Lawton

which is accepted and the Committee and report of said Committee adopted by this Meeting, and the Treasurer is hereby directed to pay the expence of Housekeeping at the present year and the Standing Meeting of Ministers is desired to provide keeping for Friends stock at the time of our next yearly Meeting at this meeting expence.

The Committee appointed to audit accounts with the Treasurer and to propose a sum necessary to be raised for supplying the Treasury for the year ensuing report as follows viz

The Committee to audit accounts with the Treasurer have met and find a sufficient sum to raise for the ensuing year, which have done it, — and find a balance in the Treasurers favour of £5, 8, 11½ and also that Salem Quarterly Meeting is deficient of having their proportion of the last years stock £6 19, 6 which with £21, 9, 2 they were deficient before makes £28, 8, 8 — have also concluded that £30. may be a suitable sum to raise for the year ensuing, which is accepted, and the several Quarterly Meetings are desired to send to the Treasurer their following proportions as soon as may be and an account thereof this meeting next year viz Rhode Island £25, 15

Salem — £10, 0

Sandwich — £11, 5

The Committee appointed for general Service report that as our Friend Thomas Hopkins has suffered the loss of his goods by the late fire in Boston and is made a proper

to build another habitation, that this meeting give 30 pds.
of our treasury to the assistance of our said suffering
Brother, and that a committee meeting be appointed &
sent to the said Friend to know what progress there
is in this matter & what materials that may be
got to carry on the building, & report as soon as most convenient
[illegible] Friend is desired to [illegible] & make report thereof
to this meeting & [illegible] & [illegible] as
to the [illegible] & [illegible] & [illegible]
mind to the same. Nothing [illegible] for the
present relief of our said Friend Ebenezer
Hyde having represented by his letter to this meeting
he several [illegible] this meeting on
request in their [illegible] to [illegible] & [illegible]
[illegible] & the relief of our suffering Brother and [illegible]
subscriptions to him & [illegible] & [illegible]
be qualified to provide another habitation the present season.

The yearly letters of [illegible] & [illegible] having
proposed our taking into consideration the subject matter
of [illegible] queries, viz. whether they might not be more
fully signed by the members of the monthly meetings
from by the Clerk only which being deliberated on, and
it appearing that this meeting came into that practice in
a measure of use and prospect of advantage in the present state
of society, yet nevertheless the further consideration of
that matter is referred to next yearly Meeting.

This meeting adjourned to the 8th inst to March.
13 day m.o for adjournment
J. C
The [illegible] present as [illegible]

The affecting subject of Slavery, and the Transportation of People of Africa from their native country to these States, having been weightily before this Meeting, and Solicitous for the Welfare of the States of Massachusetts and Rhode Island that [illegible] and unitedly attended to. — The Members of this Meeting or any Friends, or such part of them as that Meeting may think proper to select for that service, with Wm. Rotch, Thos. Rotch, Jr. Joseph Jenkins, & Caleb Greene, are appointed to have the care of promoting the same, and further to labour, as the accomplishment of the important object of said address may, be in unity, and with others of the Governments States, as Truth may open the way, and to report their doings to our next Yearly Meeting.

Copy of Epistles to the Yearly Meetings of Friends at London, Philadelphia & Long Island, & an order to the several Quarterly Meetings with Certificates for Friends who have produced Certificates from their respective Monthly Meetings, were prepared by the Committee appointed to prepare them, and read, and approved, and by the direction of this Meeting signed by the Clerk, as were Certificates for our Friends Samuel Rotch, Jun. Samuel Canning, Thomas Cobley, from Europe since our last Yearly Meeting. Helen Spurr from a Religious visit to most of the Meetings within this Yearly Meeting. Also the Confirmation of Friends,

The Clerk is directed to make out the necessary extracts and send to the several Quarterly Meetings.

This Meeting having been favoured with the many tokens of kindness and goodness whereby the way of the concerns have come before it have been settled in harmony and concord under a sense of which favour, mercifully vouchsafed we rise and adjourn till next year there with divine permission to meet again at this place.

Signed in and on behalf of the Meeting of Sowans

by } William Hume Clerk
this year.

From our yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held at New England 6th Month 4th to the 8th inclusive 1807

To the several Quarterly Meetings belonging

Dear Friends

We have duly received your several Communications together with the Answers to the Queries, and are glad to have been favoured in obtaining, that notwithstanding the repeated Labours & advices, that have been from time to time communicated to you, there are still remaining among you under and name who are [illegible] for being [illegible] led by the truth as it is in Jesus to give way to that Spirit that strongly urges them to the immediate receiving of the Cross in the Church, but are disposed thereby to the vain pleasures of folly and vice, whereby their minds are estranged from the simplicity that is in Christ, the consequence of which is [illegible] and [illegible] confusion and ruin,

dear wife we affectionately intreat such to [illegible] minds to be so easily drawn aside and given up to the influence of the adversary of our Immortal Souls, but rather confidence in the almighty divine power waiting & willing to purify your minds and fit them for the reception of his holy word, which alone can prepare the soil for the rich improvement of the heavenly manifestation, & which is administered to every one, as this is duly attended to, with an entire resignation to his will, a measure of strength will be witnessed, and your minds will be prompted to every good word and work, And may you of the beloved youth whose minds are yet tender and susceptible of easy impression, give up your hearts to follow him who hath declared that his yoke is easy, and his burden light, remembering that an early sacrifice is the most acceptable in his sight; let not the flattering allurements, and delusive joys of this perishing world which endure but for a moment, induce you to neglect the heavenly invitations & divine love which are mercifully extended to you, but learn to fear & love it and wait for it, that soul, you may experience growth and advancement in the truth, and come up at last & obtain the prize of your high calling of God in Christ Jesus [illegible] mighty.

And may you dear friends whose minds are exercised with a due sense of the maintenance of good order in the Church be encouraged to diligence in your several allotments, not suffering any to lie by neglected in the performance of your christian testimony for it, for such will be [illegible]

your hands, and you will be enabled to maintain a constant watch over the heritage, and become more & more examples to the flock.

We have felt at this this time a concern that [illegible] be preserved from the allurements and [illegible] ations which in some measure of greater usefulness [illegible] some to accept of offices of honour or profit in a civil department and [illegible] very much unfit for usefulness in our religious Society, that [illegible] of our members into Society Services, or assent of appointments by them made, who fill such stations in Government, and not all be wisely submitting to the cross in declining such stations.

And dear Friends, as it is now a time, wherein the minds of many are much unsettled and agitated with various commotions of outward things, we earnestly exhort all in membership with us, to keep their minds free from the confusions of the times, by no means uniting in them, nor give any encouragement to them, by any conduct of yours, as we assure you it would be very hurtful to all who should give way thereto, [illegible] Society [illegible] & in remembrance, the sacred injunction to Israel of "dwell alone." herein is our safety and [illegible] experience that preservation that is as an hedge about us, [illegible] Meeting on account of [illegible] ing, or dealing in spirituous liquors, and the several Quarterly and monthly meetings are desired so to [illegible] members as do [illegible]

[illegible] Read &c

[illegible] It is advised that [illegible]
[illegible] Government [illegible]
[illegible] 1684, [illegible]
[illegible]

We observe, that agreeable to our recommendation last year you have appointed Committees to visit your respective Monthly Meetings but it not appearing that they have yet performed the service, we find ourselves under a necessity of renewing our request that they will take and report an account thereof to this meeting

With salutation of Love we remain our friends & Brethren Signed in and on behalf of our said meeting

by [illegible] William Allen [illegible]

[illegible] our Yearly Meeting held in Rhode Island & New England by adjournments from the 5th of 7th to the 8th of the same inclusive 1785.

To Friends at their Yearly Meeting to be held in London.

Dear Friends

Being again favoured to meet [illegible] in this our Yearly Meeting for promoting the order & discipline of the Church, and experiencing the gracious condescension of our Lord & Master, even that which is our strength and our salvation to labour in this great and weighty [illegible]

we therein salute you, acknowled[illegible] the receit of your
[illegible] of last year, with wch we rad in this [illegible] to our
edification and comfort, & the minutes [illegible]
are sent down, to our several Meetings.

We likewise do in pres[illegible] Sincerity
-ness and Lukewarmness with wch in our Soiety, [illegible]
may comfort in our future Labours, and joyn in [illegible]
approbation of our endeavours to the [illegible]
of Truth.

Divers, have been added to our Soiet[illegible]
-rel parts. in lost year by convincem[illegible]
we have a comfortable prospect of [illegible]
have the additional satisfaction, to be able to inform you
our Labours to effect a satisfactory settlem[illegible]
who have been released from a State of outward bo[illegible]
our Soiety, appears to be completed except in a few
a concern to attend [illegible]
to the end, but [illegible]
-tual Inspection against the Spirit of [illegible]
we are comforted, and have cause of rejoicing to find that
[illegible]
with our Soiety, but others on the Continent, [illegible]
-land Countries.

By accounts received from several
-ral Quarterly Meetings it appears that [illegible]
visited [illegible]
[illegible]
-es, yet there is great reason [illegible]

Your Brotherly caution in respect to our guarding against
Certificates meets our cordial approbation, and coincides
with our engagements in getting over
that practice.

We have appointed a Committee to
consider of regulations of the Slave Trade and to
draw a Letter for each to present with the petition
from Mount Holly and Burlington Meeting against
this practice of bondage.

We sincerely unite in
Concern for your Spiritual & temporal welfare
desiring & believing your desire is, that we
& you may be favoured with an humble
& diligent attention to the manifestations of divine grace, that we may be more
& more led to come up in that righteous testimony
against the corruptions of the world, and
stand not be entangled with unprofitable
& hurtful lusts, which drown men in
perdition & destruction, for the love of money
is the root of all evil, which while some
coveted after they have erred from the faith
& pierced themselves through with many
sorrows. Let us not be weary in well doing
for in due season we shall reap if we faint not
Let us not be satisfied with a profession
without the power, nor with a name to live
while dead, but be concerned to be clothed
with the wedding garment, that we may be
found of him in peace without spot & blameless
that when he comes to make up his jewels
we may be accounted worthy to enter with
him into the mansions of rest, there to receive sentence of reward according
to their works, whether they be good or evil, and such considerations as these, and powerfully tending to withdraw
our minds from unprofitable
& unsatisfactory pursuits
& to engage us to a diligent improvement of our talents
in the service of our gracious Master, are profitable and pertinent qualifications, but dear
friends we have yet more powerful motives to engage
let the abundant consolation arising even here in the
remembrance, dedication of heart to the service of

spiritual Death, wean you from every vain pursuit: set
before you the unspeakable glorious Motive and Encouragement of your duty. Be ready in this respect
to shew all, that your mind from every ordinary
affection, from every entangling connection, may be
every where of such a heavenly and spiritual
temper, as that you may freely aspire after
and attain to the happy Enjoyment of God
in Christ. If Relations, may not be such as
will join with you in your Duty, but draw
away your minds, or the watch only in safety, abide
there, and your Intercourse may be kept in vain, if
with you in the Lord, without
undue intimacy with them, without doing any thing
that were against your Souls, for Unity to the Lord
our preserver, as there is an abiding in the Light, there
is no ensnarement against Jacob nor divination against
Israel. Now we hope that we cannot
be, [illegible] but we trust
to be made manifest in your consciences, that
we have not labored in vain among you,
but that we have had power with God
in Christ Jesus for you, and abundantly rejoice to
know, that you the kingdom of God is not
meat and drink but righteousness and peace
and joy in the Holy Ghost, and desire to
remain to be to us the Lord God Omnipotent, and over all
[illegible] and above you [illegible]
[illegible]

In Brotherly Salutation we again salute you and all your

Friends and Brethren,

[illegible] on behalf of the meeting [illegible]

by [illegible] Wm Henry Cleek this yo[illegible]

From our dear [illegible] Friends and Brethren
[illegible] or [illegible] by Adjournments [illegible]
[illegible] Church [illegible]

[illegible] Yearly Meeting of Friends at Salisbury in
England.

Dear Friends

Under a renewed sense of the
heavenly Father's Love mercifully extended to us in
this our Annual Assembly we affectionately salute
you, earnestly desiring to meet you in that
bein[illegible] mutually partakers of, may impress our minds
[illegible] by Zeal in mid[illegible] one in the service
[illegible], and [illegible] be united to him and
[illegible] in the most holy faith.

It [illegible] to inform you, that
as it is your [illegible] that unity
unity are generally supposed among you, and that
[illegible] love [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] come before you in brotherly harmony, we feel our
[illegible] engaged in [illegible] to the [illegible]
[illegible] Yearly Meeting, that we may
[illegible] in [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] we [illegible] [illegible] of this

[illegible] been attended with [illegible] and concord. Although we sorrowfully find that many [illegible] under our Name, are so far inattentive to the [illegible] upon record by the great Master of our [illegible] led your Light so [illegible] as that they [illegible] good order [illegible] your Name who is worthy [illegible] and in many [illegible] reason up to the [illegible] the standard of Truth, all those who are desirous to stand in their ranks [illegible] are [illegible] [illegible] -ly. The weighty and seasonable Advices, which you were favoured to communicate to us, [illegible] acceptance, in particular your [illegible] hint respecting the necessity of [illegible] out of all the confusion and [illegible] of those who are actuated by the Spirit of this World, and [illegible] for [illegible] -tain of all our Society from [illegible] [illegible] to in this our annual Meeting and [illegible] [illegible] in this case, for artful are the suggestions from within and without, [illegible] and sometimes a foolish hope of Honour or Interest, but clear it is, our [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

he hopes a continuance of Brotherly freedom may subsist
[illegible] be our mutual comfort and edification as
we doubt not will be the case, as there is with us and you
a desire, with humble prayer, that by our
spirits being bowed and subdued, the pure seed
[illegible] may be obtained, in which alone we
[illegible] for the building one another up in the most
holy faith, so each in it's, that as many desires
and hearts may be set for the promotion of the
[illegible] cause, it never can be advanced by any outward
[illegible] activity, or by all the endeavours of men creatures
ability: but when [illegible] in humility, and
the will of the Creature subdued, the gentle rising of Gospel
[illegible] incense in turns is often felt sweetly to incline
upon the rightly concerned mind, in meekness and fear,
[illegible] that is a stepping into union by divine
motion, & by the right breathing of the waters by the help
of the divine spring of [illegible] and advancement
is witnessed by the Individual, and the cause of Truth
is gathered, the hearts are comforted, and made
to rejoice in the Lord in a feeling sense that the work is
his own that he fails not to prosper it in due season, and
[illegible] that [illegible] endeavour for its advancement, is well as reward
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

signed in and on behalf of our Meeting aforesaid

by

[illegible]

from our early Meetings held in the year 1677 in New England to Adjournments from the 8th of the 6th Month to the 18th of the same inclusive 1787.

[illegible]

London, the Second Epistle of the Series of yearly Meetings and the yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders in London.

Dear Friends

Notwithstanding our having given our esteemed friend John Storer a certificate [illegible] this Meeting last year, he, finding his mind drawn [illegible] most of the Meetings belonging to this yearly Meeting within its Gospel Labours and Services in the Exercise of the [illegible] and discipline thereunto belonging, with diligence [illegible]

from our Yearly Meeting of Friends held at London
-derry in Ireland by adjournments from the
[illegible] day of the same instant 1754.

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends at Lurgan-
borough in the County Armagh at the same time
and the Meeting of Ministers and Elders in London.

Dear Friends

Notwithstanding our having given our
[illegible] Testimony a Certificate of his ac-
-ceptance in this Meeting last year, we find our minds drawn
to further Testify on his behalf that he hath since visited
most of the Meetings belonging to this year Meeting
therein his Gospel Labours for the promoting of Truth
and support of Christian Discipline, and Friendly
Communion - as for the most part we were very ac-
-ceptably there in, his gravity and deportment bore
[illegible]. And having a concern to visit Friends
meeting settled at Londonderry on the whole called Sab-
-bath the same day for this meeting, and having unity
-nanimity and concurrence therein a Committee was ap-
-pointed to accompany him, and meeting together the
next day report to us that in attending to our said
satisfaction [illegible] his [illegible] visit was
[illegible] services are over to his Family and Friends in
[illegible] we [illegible] to [illegible] with
our Friends and Brethren.

Signed in and on behalf of
the Meeting aforesaid by

[illegible]

[illegible] Epistle from the Second Day
inclusive 1787.

[illegible]
of Ministers and Elders in London.

Dear Friends

We find our minds drawn in Love and
[illegible] of our beloved Friend Thomas Colley, that in the course of
his Religious visit in America with your Epistle, he
visited most or all Meetings belonging to this Yearly Meeting
wherein his Gospel Labours were much to the edification &
comfort of Friends, he having been also drawn to have a
meeting in this place, and we have not the least reason to
doubt, in favour crowned with divine
Truth, we have reason to believe accompanied with divine
Salvation to the visitation and comfort many minds, we
now are all informed on his voyage returning to your
Though it hath pleased [illegible]
tion for him, his life and conversation [illegible]
[illegible]
and unsullied in many and Friends will be rendered
still dear unto us, we continue [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

The humble petition of [illegible] taken at the
[illegible] adjourned from the [illegible]
[illegible] to the [illegible] of
same inclusive 1785.

To the Great Court of the Commonwealth
of Massachusetts convened at Boston.

Humbly sheweth,

That your Memorialists being in
[illegible] to promote the cause, and extend the
[illegible] among men; and upon solemn deliberation in
[illegible] to be, in your Address to you upon
a subject not less important to Individuals concerned
[illegible] of
[illegible] is duty of [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible] to [illegible] our
[illegible] it our [illegible] duty to
[illegible] to
[illegible] and
[illegible] to
[illegible] in
[illegible] to
human and unchristian practice still exists in
[illegible]
[illegible] the Commonwealth [illegible]
[illegible] but on the contrary [illegible]
[illegible] lived in practice, by justly announcing in [illegible]
all men are born equally free," [illegible]
[illegible] by the [illegible]

a custom so repugnant to every principle of law
that your Senate may manifest to future ages an
example in abolishing a [illegible]
barbarous [illegible]
criminal in darker Ages, yet much more in this day
greater extension of Light and [illegible]
ing it is with great satisfaction and comfort we [illegible]
the attention of many religious Men of various denomi-
nations engaged with this [illegible]
cause a number of the Society of Friends
is yet we apprehend it will not be effectu-
ally unless some effectual Laws are provided to prevent
their being taken from their native Country and Trans-
ported as [illegible] by the Masters of Vessels.

We therefore again submit your wise attention to the
subject and to adopt such more effectual
[illegible] it to answer the desired end and [illegible]
your deserving but [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Signed in and on behalf of Our [illegible]

by [illegible]

To the GENERAL ASSEMBLY *of the State of* RHODE-ISLAND.

RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH,

THE religious ſociety of the people called Quakers, in New-England, met together in their annual aſſembly on Rhode-Iſland, for the purpoſe of promoting the cauſe of religion, of piety, juſtice and good order:

That being deeply affected with a ſenſe of the uneaſineſs and diſſatisfaction of the preſent time, and the calamity and diſtreſs which threaten the inhabitants of this country, without amendment and reformation: And being impreſſed with a belief, that much now lies at the door of the civil authority, we are engaged, from a ſenſe of religious duty, as well as that allegiance we owe and acknowledge to the government under which we live, to addreſs you on this occaſion.

We truſt it will not be judged improper, that we take this opportunity to lay before you our *concern*, and to recommend to your *ſerious conſideration* a repeal or amendment of ſuch acts of Aſſembly as are obviouſly inconſiſtent with that attention to the preſervation of juſtice, integrity and uprightneſs, among the people, without which we can have no reaſonable hope or confidence to aſk for the bleſſings of peace and proſperity.——Remembering that it is "righteouſneſs exalteth a nation:" And that civil authority, being ordained of God "a terror to evil doers, and praiſe to them that do well," are accountable to him for every act, which is found to have a contrary operation upon the people.

Among other things which have affected us with pain, that unrighteous and inhuman trade to Africa for Slaves, and the cruel bondage conſequent thereon, having long reſted upon our minds with concern, we are eſpecially engaged, at this time, to revive to your conſideration the caſe of that oppreſſed people, whom, from their ſituation, being incapacitated to plead their own cauſe, we have apprehended ourſelves called upon, by the Father and Protector of the whole family of mankind, in a ſenſe of religious duty, to endeavour to aſſiſt and relieve.

There are many inſtances on record of the ſingular chaſtiſements, which the Supreme Judge and Ruler of the univerſe has appointed to nations who have notoriouſly deviated from the principles of *juſtice* and *mercy*: We conceive it would be highly becoming you, as legiſlators and fathers of the people, as well as greatly conducive to your true peace and real honour as individuals, ſeriouſly to conſider how repugnant this traffic is to *both*. And, by a timely exertion of that authority entruſted to you, contribute your endeavours to prevent the ſufferings of multitudes of that injured People, and avert from our land the judgments of Him, who has declared himſelf the avenger of the oppreſſed.

Being perſuaded we addreſs men generally convinced, that this branch of commerce, and the treatment of the unhappy ſubjects of it, are contrary to that golden rule of doing as we would be done by; we intreat you ſeriouſly to conſider, whether divine approbation can be expected, upon the exerciſe of civil authority, whilſt individuals are permitted to proſecute this commerce in and oppreſſion of their fellow-men, without reſtraint or diſapprobation.

Under the influence of theſe conſiderations, and ſuch others as the ſubject muſt naturally ſuggeſt, if weightily entered into, we are encouraged to hope, that this application, in behalf of that afflicted and oppreſſed part of our fellow-men, will meet your approbation.——WE therefore requeſt, that you will take this caſe under ſerious conſideration, and cauſe ſuch a law to be enacted, as you in wiſdom judge the moſt effectual to prevent that cruel and unjuſt trade, and finally to aboliſh that barbarous cuſtom of holding mankind as ſlaves.

Signed, in and on behalf of our ſaid meeting, by

WILLIAM ALMY, *Clerk to the Meeting this Year.*

State of RHODE-ISLAND and PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS.

In GENERAL ASSEMBLY, *October Seſſion*, A. D. 1787.

An ACT to prevent the SLAVE-TRADE, and to encourage the Abolition of SLAVERY.

WHEREAS the Trade to Africa for Slaves, and the Tranſportation and ſelling of them into other Countries, are inconſiſtent with Juſtice, and the Principles of Humanity, as well as the Laws of Nature, and that more enlightened and civilized Senſe of Freedom which has of late prevailed. And whereas the General Congreſs of the United States, in the Year of our Lord One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Seventy-four, taking the ſaid Trade into Conſideration, agreed and reſolved as follows: That "We will neither import, nor purchaſe any Slaves imported, after the Firſt Day of December next; after which Time we will wholly diſcontinue the Slave-Trade; and will neither be concerned in it ourſelves, nor will we hire our Veſſels, or ſell our Commodities or Manufactures, to thoſe that are."

Nevertheleſs, forgetful of the Danger which then impended, and inattentive to the Principle of Juſtice and ſound Policy manifeſted in the aforeſaid Reſolution, a Renewal of the African Trade for Slaves has been entered into by divers Inhabitants of this State: For the Prevention whereof, *Be it Enacted by this General Aſſembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted*, That no Citizen of this State, or other Perſon reſiding within the ſame, ſhall, for himſelf or any other Perſon whatſoever, either as Maſter, Factor or Owner, of any Veſſel, directly or indirectly, import or tranſport, or buy or ſell, or receive on board their Veſſel, with Intent to cauſe to be imported or tranſported from their native Country, any of the Natives or Inhabitants of any State or Kingdom in that Part of the World called Africa, as Slaves, or without their voluntary Conſent.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That every Citizen, Inhabitant or Reſident, as aforeſaid, who ſhall import or tranſport, or cauſe to be imported or tranſported, any of the ſaid Inhabitants of Africa, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, and be thereof lawfully convicted, ſhall forfeit the Sum of One Hundred Pounds, Lawful Money, for every Perſon by him or them ſo imported or tranſported; and the Sum of One Thouſand Pounds, for every Veſſel by him or them employed in the Importation or Tranſportation aforeſaid; to be recovered by Bill, Complaint or Information, before the Superior Court, or either of the Inferior Courts, within this State: The one Moiety thereof ſhall be paid into the General-Treaſury, for the Uſe of this State; and the other Moiety to and for the Uſe of the Perſon or Perſons who ſhall proſecute for and recover the ſame.

Provided nevertheleſs, That this Act do not extend to Veſſels which have already ſailed, their Owners, Factors or Commanders, for and during their preſent Voyage.

A true Copy:

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